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Doors to the World

President's letter

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Our theme for this academic year is Milestones of Leadership. We celebrate the 75th year of student government at Mary Baldwin College and the 10th anniversary of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership. We have also completed our 10-year strategic plan, *Mary Baldwin College 2014: Composing Our Future;* we sent you the executive summary in September. As a community, we celebrate this milestone of leadership. In nine months, we sought and obtained broad involvement, we listened to the large chorus of voices, we synthesized themes, and we forged a 10-year comprehensive strategic plan that we unanimously endorsed. This is exceptional. We have assumed collective leadership toward the milestones of our future. Our strategic plan is the score from which we will now perform. In musical terms, as in my editing of the autograph manuscripts of C. P. E. Bach, our plan is a composing score. The themes and motifs are in place. But, we must work with it. We must orchestrate it — inviting every voice to contribute its most appropriate role and timbre. We must rehearse it in sections over time. And then, finally, we can perform it and hear it, in its perfected resonance, recorded for history in all its details, in 2014.

At the heart of our plan is the Mary Baldwin College Advantage, the sequence of 10 key experiences that will help us meet students where they are and guide them through personal transformation of mind, body, and character: threshold experience; personalized learning portfolios; personalized wellness plans; mentors and partners; active learning communities; practical and experiential learning; distinctive academic major or interdisciplinary focus; international and multicultural experiences; capstone experience; and life and career transition. The MBC Advantage is particularly relevant to our Residential College for Women, including PEG and VWIL, and we will investigate how it will best apply to our graduate and adult programs.

In this and future issues of our magazine, we take a look at various components of the plan and how they touch the lives of our students. We do not yet know the final shape each component of the plan will take, but we do know what they need to accomplish. One component of the Advantage is that it offers international and multicultural experiences to all students. In this issue, we share the stories of alumnae, students, and faculty to illustrate the importance of experiencing other cultures, moving beyond one's comfort zone, and seeing one's own culture from the perspective of another.

We know we can't do everything at once. Executing purposeful, paced strategies requires vigilance.We foresee three large phases of implementation: near-term, mid-term, and long-term. During the initial two-year phase, we investigate further through several specialized planning processes and initiate immediate enhancements. A four-year middle phase will launch and advance. In the final four-year phase, we will complete and assess.

I have asked for volunteers to serve on 10 task forces, composed of faculty, staff, and students—one for each component of the Mary Baldwin College Advantage. I am very grateful for the enthusiastic response: more than 75 faculty and staff volunteered and will work together this year. I have convened the President's Council on Diversity and Inclusive Community. And I have asked our Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors, our Parents Council, and our Advisory Board of Visitors to form work groups to take a look at specific issues raised by the plan.

Looking at it from a broad perspective, this year is a time for initiation, investigation, and communication. We are already initiating pieces of the plan, as in the two pilot learning communities in which some of this year's freshmen are participating. We are investigating, through task forces and work groups, the best practices in higher education and how best to adapt them to Mary Baldwin College. And we are communicating about Mary Baldwin's current strengths as well as the significance of our plan.

Mary Baldwin College is part of a national movement in higher education that focuses on how individuals connect and reflect: a 21st century liberal education must be rooted in personal frames of reference and personalized pathways and plans. In this year's *U. S. News & World Report* rankings, a center spread titled "Choosing a School, Programs To Look For" features eight types of academic programs that represent best practices in higher education: internships, senior capstones, first-year experiences, undergraduate research, learning communities, study abroad, service learning, and writing in the disciplines. All eight listed are found either within our current curriculum or The Mary Baldwin College Advantage. Our plan is to add further dimensions of student success through personalized portfolios and wellness plans, mentors and partners, strong academic majors and interdisciplinary focuses, and life and career transition programs. In short, as we create a model for integrated learning that builds on what we already do well, we are doing something of true national significance.

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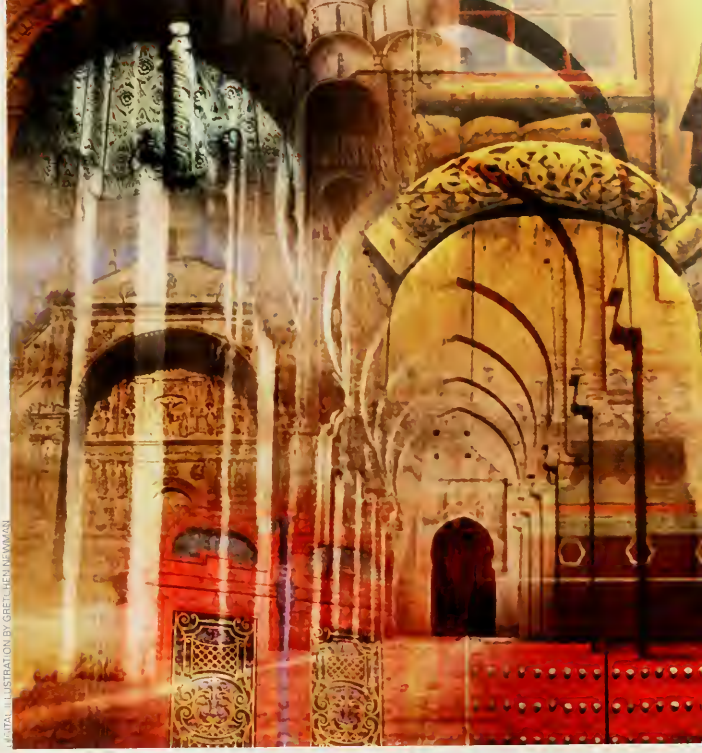

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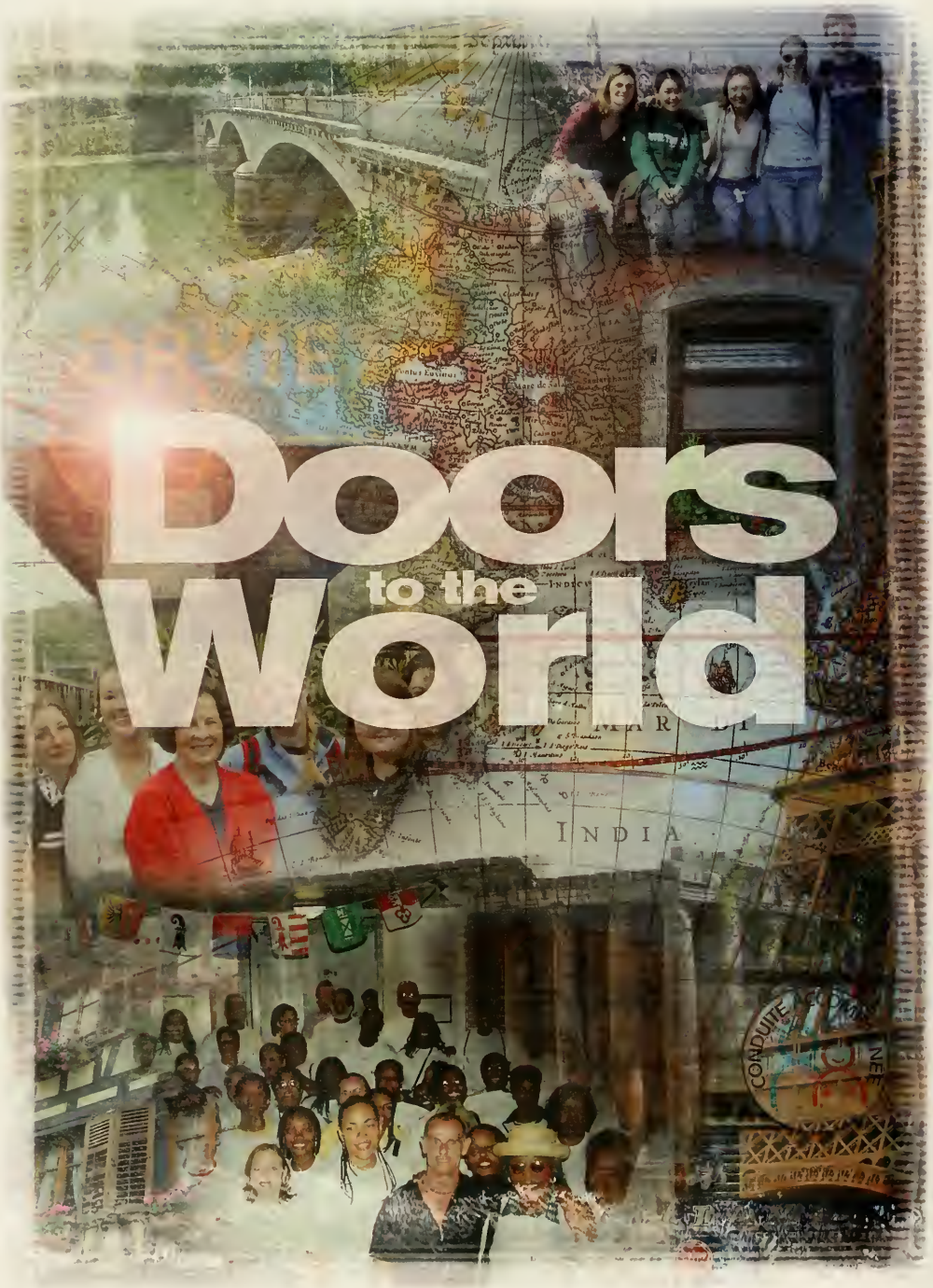
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"It changed my life," says alumna Elizabeth "Betty" Swope nearly 40 years after she hesitantly boarded a ship to spend a full academic year in Spain. International experiences have long been a critical part of a Mary Baldwin College education. Rarely do Mary Baldwin students come away from a study abroad course or a cultural encounter on campus without a profound change in their worldview and priorities. Exposure to people from other different parts of the world is the norm, not the exception, at the college because of an expanding variety of trips, from Cyprus to Russia to South America; a diverse group of international faculty members; and the opportunity to interact with international students from Germany, Ireland, and Japan, among others.

The college's strategic plan calls for even more deliberate ways to encourage cross-cultural understanding. Carrie Douglass, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, opines, "Study abroad could be the ideal capstone of an education in the liberal arts. For some the experience is momentarily disorienting; for others it is exhilarating. True learning, always a stretch, is both these things."

Douglass, a world traveler who has led Mary Baldwin studies in Bulgaria, Spain, and Peru, distinguishes between international vacations and international studies. Douglass also lived and worked in Spain for eight years. "I'm not referring to tourism, where one is busy consuming another culture and shopping for souvenirs," she continues. "Travel abroad in an academic context forces one to be reflective. One of the most important benefits of travel abroad as a student is that we see our own culture, the United States, from a different perspective — from the outside. This contextualization of self is often one of the great unintended epiphanies that a young person gains on a trip to another country."

In the coming months and years the college will find ways to ensure every student has an opportunity to stretch her cultural awareness. Every student will have an affordable opportunity to study abroad, and the number of international students in Staunton will increase. The plan's sharpened focus on academic excellence is dependent on the presence of global and multicultural perspectives — in courses designed specifically for those purposes, and across the curriculum where global knowledge deepens understanding of the material.

In this section we explore international travel and cultural contact through the eyes of students, alumnae, and professors.

Notes From Abroad

Students are often required to keep journals during their courses overseas to foster reflection about the subjects they are studying, cultural understanding, and personal growth. In the following pages are excerpts from several students' journals from May Term 2004 trips.

Polly Aun '05, Switzerland

The little towns like Evian (where Evian water is produced) and the other little medieval towns where we have been are so well kept. There is hardly any litter on the streets. There also seems to be an openness and accessibility about Switzerland. There are cobblestone streets with tons of outdoor cafes everywhere, and the train rides are amazing. In just 30 minutes you could go from somewhere where the weather was in the 70s to somewhere where it was 30 degrees.

Polly Aun '05

The presence of a McDonalds in almost every town and the American music in most cafes and even in clubs has convinced me that the country is very americanized. Many people seem to like Americans, but they don't always like our attitudes about things such as the fact that we kind of think we are the dominating power in the world. They also can't understand why we don't learn more languages. Switzerland has four national languages. That made me examine my own assumptions and I don't necessarily agree but I understand my own values better.

Evelyn Pratt '06, Russia

Before I went I didn't really know Dr. [Vladimir] Garkov — he was just the teacher to whom I handed my passport and credit card number and who gave me the tickets. I had never had a class with him or with the other two professors who came along, Dr. Fran [Virginia Francisco] and Professor [Janet] Ewing. By the end of the trip I knew them all as teachers and friends.

I took the theatre class with Dr. Fran, and it was a fun and informative way to learn all about theatre in Russia. She was so enthusiastic that it was hard *not* to have fun. Professor Ewing became sort of like an older sister to all of the students, and we all came to count on her … especially for wake up calls. Dr. Garkov was down-to-earth and tried to make sure his students had as much fun as possible and experienced everything they could while in Russia. He, like Dr. Fran, was so excited that you became excited, too. I went to Russia expecting to just spend time with friends, and came away knowing that there were three great faculty members at Mary Baldwin that I wouldn't hesitate to take a class with. They really added to the experience of Russia.

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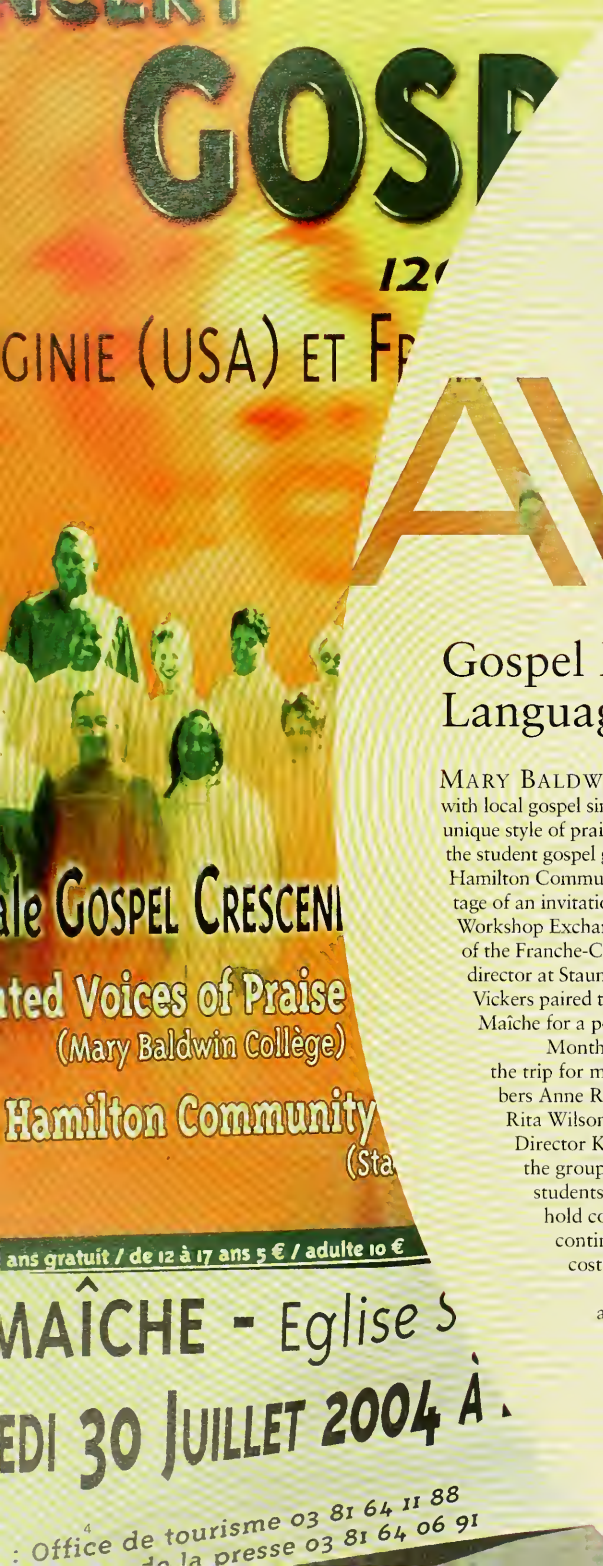
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Anointed Voices of Praise

Gospel Music Transcends Language in France

MARY BALDWIN STUDENTS FORGED A CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP with local gospel singers and representatives from the city of Staunton to share their unique style of praise music with audiences overseas. The Anointed Voices of Praise — the student gospel group at Mary Baldwin College — connected with the Al Hamilton Community Choir and a handful of soloists from Virginia to take advantage of an invitation to perform in France. The French-American Gospel Music Workshop Exchange was arranged by Staunton natives Louisa Dixon, coordinator of the Franche-Comté Virginie cooperative program, and Larry Vickers, program director at Staunton's Booker T. Washington Community Center. Dixon and Vickers paired the student-community choir with the Gospel Crescendo Choir of Maîche for a powerful exchange — of values, talents, and respect.

Months of benefit concerts raised enough money to lower the cost of the trip for members of Anointed Voices of Praise. Mary Baldwin staff members Anne Roberts and Andrea Cornett-Scott, Staunton City Councilwoman Rita Wilson, and Staunton Downtown Development Association Executive Director Kimberly Watters were among the friends and family who joined the group for the trip and formed lasting relationships with Mary Baldwin students. In summer 2005, the French singers plan to visit Staunton and hold concerts in the area to continue the program. The American group continues to fundraise to supplement travel expenses and to cover the cost of hosting families next summer.

Although they stayed in France only two weeks, the people and culture touched the American travelers in a way books and lectures could not. Some in the group expected France to be filled with people who dislike Americans. While performing for standing-room-only crowds in breathtaking, 16th-century cathedrals, they learned quickly that was not the case. People opened their arms, their hearts, and their homes to welcome the gospel singers from America.

"The group's first concert offering to the French people was in an ancient church in a canyon graced with a crystalline river and waterfalls. The combination of their 110 voices made a powerful music, and the rich solos of both French and American singers delighted all. Much of the American music was impromptu, spontaneous, and spiritually moved as it is at home. It was clearly appreciated by the audiences, many who watched in open-mouthed amazement."

— Kimberly Watters,
Staunton Downtown Development Association

"The concerts were indescribable, the music was so powerful, and the venues were exquisite."

— Anne Roberts, director of donor relations and stewardship at Mary Baldwin College

"The trip was an experience of a lifetime. We were treated like kings and queens throughout the region. The friendships that we made I believe will be lifelong. To see and experience firsthand how the French singers embraced gospel music is beyond words."

— Jonathan Spivey,
music teacher at Charlottesville High School and accompanist to the Al Hamilton Community Choir

"Meeting the people and learning their customs were things that I will value forever. One of my favorite memories was when we made an American meal for our host family on our last night together. After days of fabulous French food we decided that they needed a taste of America. We made fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, potato casserole, and peach cobbler for dessert."

— Holly Fuqua '06

"France was a wonderful experience and a blessing for me. We spoke many different languages, were from many different backgrounds, genders, and races, but we were all on one accord when it came to serving the same Dieu (God). The cultural experience was phenomenal because I was able to embrace a new culture, strengthen my language skills, and make new friends."

— Kimberly Allen '07

Photos provided by Kimberly Watters, Holly Fuqua, Anne Roberts, Jonathan Spivey, and Kimberly Allen

"From the moment we stepped off of the train, the French people were there to greet us with cakes, breads, and fine wines. They had open arms ready to help us in any way. I had the best French "mommy," Christine, two sisters — Amandine and Oceana — and Papa Luke. They spoke very little English, and even though I didn't speak much French, everything went perfectly.

— Cierra Alston '05

"I did not know what to expect when I committed to take a trip across seas, which is something I had never done before. The only thing I was sure of was the fact that I knew I was going to spread the love of Jesus through the ministry of song. What I did not know was that I myself would be ministered to and even come to find a family in a place I had never heard of, Maiche. I cannot begin to describe what happened to me and how it changed my life forever. The love I now have for a people and a culture that I had never encountered before seems surreal. To be able to live with people who do not speak the same language or live the same lifestyle was a very eye-opening thing."

— Desiree Ramseur '06

"The trip was absolutely wonderful for the students, in fact for everyone. The members of AVP were so open to all that France had to offer. They loved the food, marveled at the landscapes, embraced their host family experiences and did their very best to speak the language. They represented the college with a level of professionalism that would make the founders smile. Their music ministry broke through the language barrier. Wherever we went people would simply say, "Kum Ba Yah." I had the privilege of staying in a 500-year-old chateau with the Chopard Family. They did not speak a word of English and they pressed me to put my college degree to work. After 25 years of not speaking a word of French, I was inspired. I am going to take a French class at MBC this fall so I can keep in better touch with my family and get ready for their visit next summer. I cannot wait for next August."

— Andrea Cornett-Scott,
dean of African American and multicultural affairs

Notes From Abroad

Joanna Casto '04, Italy

Florence/Firenze, 19 April 04: My stomach churns almost as fast as my brain it seems. Seeing Dante Alghieri's house was surreal, and yet his alleyway residence was pleasantly quaint. We almost went to Harry's bar, where Hemingway hung out, but even just imagining the famous people, people throughout history who have wandered the streets of Florence boggles my mind. The Ultra-Arno will probably be my fave spot; crossing the Ponte Vecchio will take my breath away every time for sure.

Venice/Venezia, 24 April 04: What a day! Started in the Doge's Palace. Then onto Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, which was a nice change of pace. The *Assumption of the Virgin*'s three separate registers blended really well, and the details up close were very crisp. The Venetian light is evident everywhere — even in this small church in the heart of town. Titian's influence is apparent in all of the art, and it's amazing ... the church of San Giorgio Maggiore also looks at itself in the water in a predictably narcissistic fashion. Today's exploring made Titian's ideas and product click into place for me. I can't express how valuable it is to supplement what I've read with seeing this art for myself.

Upward (draft)

Milan to Pisa—
The man from first
snacks on éclairs.
Six hours behind my time,
dinner does not appeal,
but I order, because I can.
Anxious to trade
currency, I hastily hand
my euros to the attendant.
She offers Dolce & Gobbana
on her wrist—the light blue
of her scent, strangely universal—
It comforts like the Dolomites outside
my window, like Titian's stroke,
it calms me in transit to Europe.

Faculty Ties

Several full-time professors at Mary Baldwin College hail from countries around the globe, illustrating the international diversity present in the faculty and staff campus-wide. Some have been here for many years, others are new to the Shenandoah Valley; all carry a sense of responsibility to educate their students and peers about their international perspective.

Andreas Anastasiou, assistant professor of psychology, left his home country of Cyprus at age 25 because "it was just too nice there," he said. Anastasiou sought intellectual challenges and a broader cultural perspective while completing his undergraduate education at Lock Haven University and master's and doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh, both in Pennsylvania.

Since he started teaching at Mary Baldwin in 2000, Anastasiou has infused his classes with multicultural perspective to "move students outside of their realm of familiarity and toward accepting different viewpoints." For example, if students are learning about schizophrenia in abnormal psychology, he explores the way the mental illness is regarded around the world.

Anastasiou also teaches Psychology of Peace and Conflict Resolution, a course partially inspired by the work of his brother, an activist for the reconciliation of Cyprus' Greek and Turkish sides. As part of the department's Multicultural Psychology course, Anastasiou took more than two dozen students to Cyprus for May Term 2004 to study the interactions between people raised in different hemispheres.

"The most wonderful thing is to be able to integrate my life in Cyprus with my life here and establish an educational link between two places I love," he said.

Alice Araujo, associate professor of communication, said one of her goals for her classes is to encourage students to become comfortable with ambiguity.

"Students often end up discovering that there is surprisingly much common ground — that people all around the world are motivated by relatively similar needs," she said. A native of Brazil, Araujo said being an international faculty member at Mary Baldwin is mutually beneficial for herself and her students: "I weave global examples into my courses — not just those from Brazil, but from all over the world — for the benefit of students, but I am just as enriched by being here and hearing their points of view, too."

"I tell myself I have a lot of responsibility because I'm aware that I may well be the only person they have met from my country, and therefore, their impression of the country might be based solely on me," she said.

Araujo earned her higher education degrees stateside, culminating with a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, but she says, "I'll always be Brazilian. This is a campus in which being one's cultural self is not only tolerated, but valued." Among Araujo's course offerings is Intercultural Communication, which addresses how cultural values, world views, and verbal and nonverbal communication affect interactions with people of different cultures.

VLADIMIR GARKOV, associate professor of chemistry, said his students are "elated" to learn about other cultures as they relate to the chemistry and geography courses he teaches.

"The world is shrinking and we all need to learn how to understand each other better," Garkov said.

A self-described travel addict, Garkov takes students abroad each May Term, lives part-time in Spain, goes back to Bulgaria — where he

was born and earned his graduate degrees — and frequents other Eastern European countries such as Russia and Romania. Garkov holds a master's degree from Sofia Medical School and a Ph.D. from the Institute of Gastroenterology and Nutrition, both in Bulgaria. In his 13th year at Mary Baldwin, Garkov continues to teach two courses that directly address international issues — Science in Cultural Context and Global Issues in Chemistry. The former includes an overseas trip to visit museums and laboratories where important chemical discoveries were made. The latter focuses on world issues such as nutrition and famine, acid rain, and the earth's atmosphere.

JOHN ONG, associate professor of math, has spent almost equal parts of his life living in the United States and in Malaysia, where he was born, raised, and earned his undergraduate degree in engineering at the University of Malaya. Ong first came to America almost 25 years ago as part of his quest to "see the world," he said. And he did just

that. Before he started to teach at Mary Baldwin in 1989, Ong completed advanced degrees at the University of Kansas, Virginia Tech, and the University of Virginia, and traveled — to Canada, Europe, Mexico, and almost every state in the U.S. He can now count visits to 49 of the 50 states in his travel log.

Although Ong usually sticks to the universal language of mathematics in his classes, he said he has found in Mary Baldwin a place where he is compelled to share his background with students and colleagues. He has spoken several times in Asian studies classes about culture, education, and religion in his native country.

"We are, whether we like it or not, in such a globally connected world," Ong said. "It would be naïve to ignore the people all around us who can give us insight about other parts of the world. I like to challenge students' view of the world on their way to achieving a better understanding of what's happening around them."

GUARI RAI, associate professor of social work, is the college's most recent international faculty addition. A native of Varanasi in the northern part of India, Rai earned his first master's degree in social work in his home country at Kashi Vidyapith University. He earned another master's at St. Louis University and his Ph.D. at Rutgers University in New Jersey, where he began his teaching career.

A professor at several American colleges and universities — including his most recent position at James

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In the Moment in Beirut

By Ivy Arbulú
Associate Professor of Spanish

Editor's Note: Professor Arbulú wrote this piece in July 2004, while still in Beirut, Lebanon. The text appears unaltered in present tense to preserve the feeling of being "in the moment" when it was written.

I HAVE STARTED THIS SHORT ESSAY about my sojourn in Beirut many times, and again and again I discarded what I wrote. I now realize why it has been so difficult to write about this wonderful experience: I refuse to accept it is almost over. I am still in Beirut and will be here until the end of July; then we will start our way back home traveling in the opposite direction. We will first go to Syria, and then to Jordan, then, finally heading west, we will go to Turkey, where, after a few days in Istanbul, we will take our plane back to Virginia.

Jorge, my partner, and I came to Lebanon on February 5. He had accepted an invitation to teach in the philosophy department at the American University of Beirut (AUB). This invitation gave us the opportunity to come to the Middle East not as tourists but as members of a community. I realize that AUB is not just any community but one of the most important and influential intellectual communities of Lebanon, the Middle East and the Arab world. My plan was to spend my sabbatical leave learning Arabic and working on my book. This is what I did on a daily basis.

Jorge and I were admitted to Intermediate Arabic II at the university; we had already started learning Arabic at the University of Virginia. Our peers in the class were foreign students — mainly Americans — spending a semester or a year at AUB, a few American professors, and students of Lebanese origin who knew how to speak colloquial Arabic but did not know formal or classical Arabic because they were raised abroad. The class had about 12 students and our teacher was Dr. Nada Saab. Although Jorge and I had not studied Arabic with *Al Kitaab* — the most widely used textbook for learning Arabic — we adapted quite easily to the new textbook and learning method.

Learning Arabic is an experience very different from learning any European language. In the classroom one learns formal standard Arabic, what is called *fusha* (foos-ha). This

formal Arabic is the one that appears in the Koran, it is used in writing, and it is used on TV news programs. *Fusha* is pan-Arab, that is, all Arabic-speaking countries share this same formal language and it is taught in schools. Yet, each Arab country has a colloquial dialect that derives from *fusha*, and this is what everybody speaks in the street and in their houses. These colloquial dialects can vary significantly from country to country. Someone from Lebanon, for example, may have some difficulty understanding someone from Morocco, but they can communicate if they both use *fusha*. Not everybody knows *fusha* since it is not spoken or taught at home; illiterate people or people with a poor school education do not know it, but they may understand it.

Apart from the pronunciation differences between *fusha* and the colloquial, there are also significant grammatical and lexical differences. The colloquial tends to simplify the grammar and to cut and contract the words. For example, while *fusha* has fourteen, (yes, fourteen!) personal pronouns with their respective verbal forms, in colloquial they use only eight. While in *fusha* we pronounce all the syllables and their vowels, in colloquial all the final vowels — which tend to have a grammatical function — are dropped.

So there we were learning this formal and literary Arabic that allowed us to communicate with everybody, yet I must say that most of my communicative interaction went mainly in one direction. The first few times I went to a store that sold newspapers, school materials, and souvenirs I greeted the man and asked for a newspaper, a pencil, sheets of paper — or any other thing I could see in the store and that I had already learned how to name. The man, who is a gentle old man, smiled widely — probably because my sentences seemed a bit too literary or bookish — nevertheless, he told me the prices of the things I asked for, but in colloquial. Of course, I was totally lost and then I had to switch to French or English to complete the transaction. But I did not give up on trying to communicate in Arabic — and the old man did not give up on me. Every day I went in to buy the newspaper and every day we engaged in small talk. He knew he had to talk to me in *fusha* and he did; I answered and asked him something or made some comment about the weather or any other topic. Every day he congratulated me for my progress, my pronunciation, or for the complexity of the sentence I had produced that day. Then I left the store with the newspaper and a sense of accomplishment about our conversation.

I also tried this little exercise with the vegetable and fruit vendor, the laundry man, the taxi driver, Samar — the secretary of the philosophy department who always encouraged me and celebrated my "excellent Arabic" — and all the people I saw on a daily basis. The vegetable man was not very able with languages. He spoke a little English and his Arabic was mainly colloquial. Although he understood me, I had trouble understanding

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Ruins of the Temple of Bacchus in Baalbek, Lebanon

PHOTOS BY IVY ARBULU

Cibeles Plaza, Madrid, Spain

While I chose to work in other countries as well, the kind of experience we had in Spain provided a wonderful window on the larger world for all of us. My advice: if you have such an opportunity, seize it.

Betty Swope '65: Junior Year in Madrid

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With only two years of Spanish under my belt, my Spanish instructor Barbara Clark convinced me to go to Spain. My parents agreed, as long as I earned spending money, so I set about working several jobs each summer. When time came to sail aboard the *S.S. Independence* (we bunked in the old infirmary — all 13 of us), my only goal was to take it all in. I did. Despite the best efforts of our professors — including our month-long orientation to language and culture in Salamanca — in Madrid most of us were tongue-tied initially in conversations with our Spanish families; there are legions of tales about the misuse of words.

Our experiences went far beyond the average student abroad: travel with our professors, many of whom were preeminent scholars in their fields, private classes at the Prado when the museum was closed, and daily life with families who treated us like daughters. We all cried buckets when it was time to leave. We treasured the experience, although I wouldn't fully understand the real impact of that year until later.

We didn't realize how much we had changed and matured. We had been exposed to a unique culture and society and learned that not everything looks (or thinks) like we do. I chose to enter the Foreign Service (where I met my husband, who shares my enthusiasm for discovering new cultures), hoping to continue to explore other lands and use my Spanish language skills. I have served in Lisbon, Madrid, Mexico City, Belgrade, Paris, Cairo, and as border coordinator for the United States-Mexico border (a job that had to be done on the road). Most recently, as U. S. Consul General in Guadalajara, Mexico, I lived, entertained, traveled, worked, and gave countless speeches in Spanish. In all my professional assignments, my fundamental grounding came from that junior year in Spain with Mary Baldwin. While I chose to work in other countries as well, the kind of experience we had in Spain provided a wonderful window on the larger world for all of us. My advice: if you have such an opportunity, seize it.

In the Moment in Beirut continued

him at the beginning. Still, as with all the people I met and talked to in Lebanon, he was patient and showed me that he appreciated the fact that I tried to speak his language. He taught me the names of all the vegetables and fruits.

As the weeks went by, my Arabic improved and my understanding of the Lebanese colloquial improved. Still, whenever I wanted to have a real conversation I spoke either in French or in English. Most Lebanese people are at least bilingual; they speak Arabic and French. The school system is francophone, as French is the official language, but many people also speak English. Sometimes my conversations included all three languages in a peculiar mixture and switching back and forth from one to another.

You may wonder, as many Lebanese people did, why I wanted to learn such a difficult language at this stage in my life — past *el mezzo del cammin della mia vita*? My main reason, my goal, is to be able to read Andalusian poetry that was written in Arabic during the Middle Ages. To be able to accomplish this will take me several years, some say it may take me between five and seven years; this does not demoralize me. I think it is worth it. Jorge, who also is interested in reading Ghazali and Averroes in Arabic, gives a practical reason: it is a good mental exercise for an adult. Learning another language exercises your memory and the elasticity of your mind as it tries to adapt to and create new syntactical structures. Last but not least, learning another language is a way of discovering a new world. Isn't it fascinating?

While in Lebanon I have read books by Lebanese and Middle Eastern authors. Amin Maalouf is one of the writers I like. He is Lebanese, lives in France and writes in French. In his book *Les Identités meurtrières* (*On Identity*) he writes the following regarding linguistic diversity in a global world: "[N]owadays everybody obviously needs three languages. The first is the language of identity; the third is English. Between the two we have to promote a third language, freely chosen, which will often but not always be another European language. This will be for everyone the main foreign language taught at school, but it will also be much more than that — the language of the heart, the adopted language, the language you have married, the language you love."

Spanish is my identity language. I learned English and French at school. Italian I learned at home by listening to it. Arabic is the language I have freely chosen to learn — my language of the heart — and I am already beginning to fall in love with it.

Notes From Abroad

Celeste Tidrick '04, Cyprus

My trip to Cyprus was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. The people, the history, and the culture were captivating. There was a warm, welcoming atmosphere that enveloped us all. As well as experiencing this amazing country, I was able to end my years at Mary Baldwin with memories that are sure to last a lifetime.

It was quickly evident that everything and everyone in Cyprus revolves around the family. One of the best times I had was having tea with Dr. [Andreas] Anastasiou's mother. She made a scrumptious lunch and shared stories about her family and life. She welcomed us into her home and made us feel at ease. The entire family seemed so pleased to meet us and eager to get to know us. On a trip to a Greek Orthodox Church in a local village where Mrs. Anastasiou lived, I wanted to soak up every moment of the experience. The high vaulted ceilings, the paintings, and the Greek ceremony were so different from anything I had ever seen or experienced. It was completely filled with families and people who had grown up together or lived very close to each other. Families there are extremely close and rely and depend upon each other.

I was also strongly moved by a presentation about the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot conflict. The two men who gave the presentation spoke of friends in villages being torn apart and the incredible sadness of lives and loved ones lost. They were so passionate and devoted to reuniting the two sides and ending the harsh feelings and misunderstandings from the past. They have devoted at least 12 years to their project and work tirelessly to keep it moving forward. They have started to work with the children, trying to eradicate hate and fear at a young age, and have even brought together children from both sides to meet each other. Although Cyprus is quite peaceful now, there are still buffer zones and U.N. soldiers, which was so surreal to me. I have seen these things on television, but it never seemed real until I saw it with my own eyes. We were actually able to see Famagusta, the "ghost city," which is a large city that is abandoned for miles to the sea because of the past war.

Graduate Programs Attract More Students

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Strong interest in Mary Baldwin College's graduate and adult degree programs helped the college keep pace with record enrollment set last fall. Mary Baldwin began its 163rd year this fall with close to 2,230 students, including a record number of students in the college's two graduate programs.

Enrollment continued to boom in the three-year-old master's program in Shakespeare studies, which is offered in partnership with Shenandoah Shakespeare. The 52 students include the program's first international student — a scholar from England. The first three students to earn their master of fine arts last summer were rewarded with a ceremonial hooding by world-famous and award-winning actress Dame Judi Dench at the May Commencement.

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program, which last year marked its first decade, has more than 150 students, an increase of about 20 over last year's record high. Carole Grove, its director, credits the growth to, among other things, strong recommendations from students, graduates, and school systems hiring those graduates. The MAT, attracting both recent college graduates seeking initial licensure and seasoned educators, is offered at MBC regional centers in Staunton, Roanoke, Charlottesville, and Richmond.

The Adult Degree Program (ADP), one of the oldest in Virginia, enrolled its first students at the new regional center in South Boston, Virginia boosting overall numbers to 1,190. Students in the program can also attend classes in Charlottesville, Richmond, Roanoke, and Weyers Cave to complete undergraduate studies, postgraduate teacher licensure, or a certificate program.

MBC introduced about 295 new students to our Residential College for Women, including 254 freshmen and 41 transfer students. Enrollment in the residential program — historically called the Traditional Program for Women — welcomed an exceptional and diverse group of students, chosen from an applicant pool of more than 1,400. The freshmen are from states across the country and several countries overseas. About 34 percent of those entering are women of color: African American, Asian American, Hispanic, and Native American. The college's signature programs continue to be strong. The Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) has 22 new students. Each PEG student bypasses all or most of high school to become full-time residential students at Mary Baldwin. The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership numbers 131 this year with more than 40 nULLs (see box), or new VWIL students, joining the ranks of the country's only all-female corps of cadets.

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Null and Void?

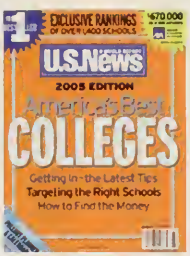
Every military academy has a creative (and they all say 'affectionate') name for first-year students in their corps. At the Citadel, they are "knobs", at Virginia Military Institute, they are "rats", and at Mary Baldwin College Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), newcomers are "nULLs".

The first VWIL class, the graduates of 1999, first applied the endearing identifier to new students as a way of suggesting that they are unfamiliar with the routine of corps and the values it represents. The lowercase "n" further emphasizes new students' subordinate status, and then became tradition, says Brenda Bryant, director of VWIL and acting vice president for enrollment.

Student corps members lose the identifier before the end of their first year during a celebratory ceremony.

Mary Baldwin in *U.S. News & World Report*

In its third year of classification as a master's-level university, Mary Baldwin College is proud to be named among the best colleges and universities in the country, according to the latest annual rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. The college was listed in the top tier of master's-level universities in the South for the third consecutive year.



"The data that placed us in the top tier clearly shows at least one of the elements of our success is the low student to faculty ratio of 11 to 1 and small average class size," President Pamela Fox said. "This allows us to personalize education, making sure that each student has those co-curricular and academic experiences that are so important."

The most heavily weighted of the national magazine's many criteria is what it calls "peer assessment" — the opinions of presidents, chief academic officers, and deans of admission at other colleges and universities.

Mary Baldwin was also recognized as one of the best colleges in the Mid-Atlantic region by *The Princeton Review* this fall. In a new online feature added to the magazine's annual college guide, the "Best Colleges: Region by Region" section profiles colleges and universities that "stand out as academically excellent institutions of higher learning."

Teachers Get First-Hand History Lessons

Dozens of area teachers were on campus last summer to learn to teach American history more effectively in the kick-off sessions of Teaching American History, a program of The Institute for Decisive Events in American History based at Mary Baldwin College. The Institute was created to allow teachers to more fully explore major events that have shaped our country, a project envisioned by MBC professor Kenneth Keller and area public school officials and funded with a $700,000 U.S. Department of Education grant.

There were two offerings including a session on the revolutionary era led by MBC Adjunct History Professor Katherine Brown; and a second workshop about the struggle for women's rights guided by Associate Professor of Political Science Laura van Assendelft. Area teachers attending the sessions earned up to three hours of graduate credit, and may develop Web sites on decisive events. Future courses to be held during summers and weekends over the next three years will be coordinated with significant Virginia historical sites such as Monticello, the Booker T. Washington National Monument, and the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace.

The Institute, a partnership between Mary Baldwin and schools in Augusta and Roanoke counties and Staunton and Waynesboro cities, is funded by a $99 million federal grant that supports projects in 175 school districts nationwide. The college recently hired Amy J. Tillerson, a doctoral candidate at Morgan State University in Baltimore, to lead the Institute and teach undergraduate history courses at MBC.

Giannina Garces '02

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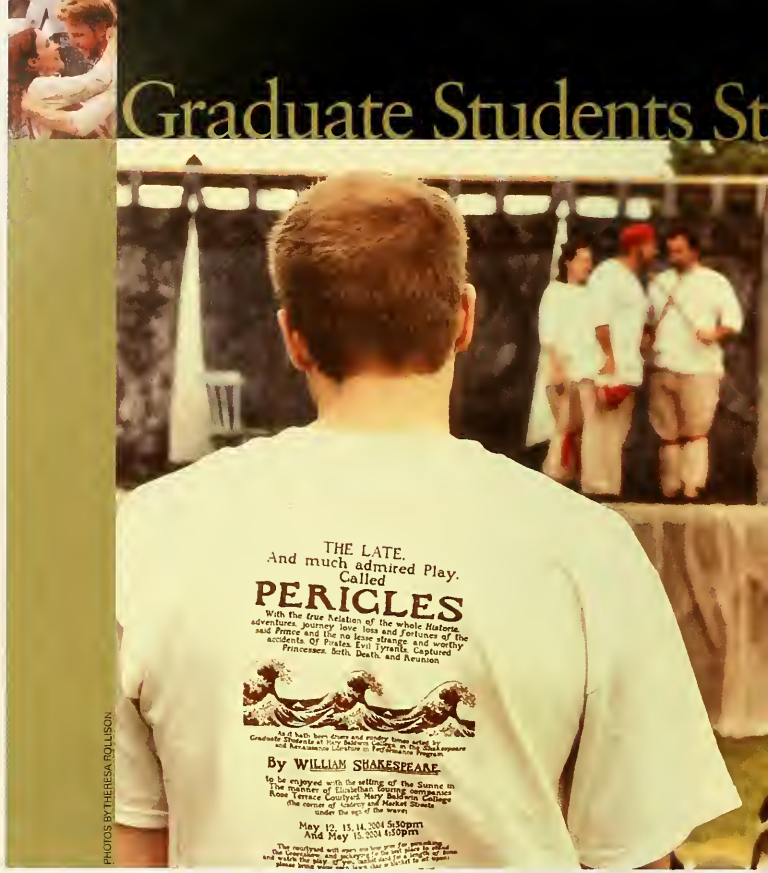
Graduate Earns Cooke Scholarship For Graduate Study at Johns Hopkins

Giannina Garces '02 wanted to study medicine long before her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer during her freshman year at Mary Baldwin. However, watching her mother endure treatment — including a double mastectomy, and then celebrate her recovery — solidified Garces' career goal. She was selected as one of 39 students pursuing graduate studies this year to receive a scholarship of up to $50,000 annually through the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. A private, independent Foundation, it was established in 2000 to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education.

Garces will use the award to study for a combined doctor of medicine and master of public health degree at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The daughter of native Ecuadorians, Garces hopes to provide treatment to other Hispanic women and improve the public health messages to Hispanics and other minorities in the U.S. and Latin America.

As a student in the college's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, Garces was awarded a Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship in the program's inaugural year. She has had internships and jobs at the National Institute for Health and the National Cancer Institute.



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VWIL Mourns Soldier's Death

The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership Corps of Cadets has been fortunate not to lose any of its alumnae in combat, but this summer the death of the husband of a graduate hit too close to home.

Army 2nd Lt. Leonard Cowherd III was fatally wounded in Karbala, Iraq less than a year after his marriage to Sarah Cerri, a 2003 graduate of Mary Baldwin College. Lt. Cowherd, 22, was a platoon commander with the Army's First Brigade 1st Armored Division and a 2003 graduate of West Point.

Brenda Bryant, director of VWIL and acting vice president for enrollment management and student life, remembers Cowherd's frequent visits to campus — often with his twin brother, Charles, who also dated a Mary Baldwin cadet.

"He was fun loving, high-energy, and playful," she says.

Lt. Cowherd had written of his war experiences in accounts published by the *Culpeper* (Virginia) *Star-Exponent*.

Renewing Our Environment

Guided by the strategic plan, Composing Our Future, the college has already taken steps to renew our environment, one of the plan's five key initiatives. MBC is developing a master plan to ensure it's campus and facilities provide the right setting. In the meantime, two campus buildings benefited from makeovers in the past few months.

The hallways and classrooms of Carpenter Academic Building were brightened with two new paint colors on the walls and fresh carpet on the floors. Several classrooms have new

ge *Pericles* On the Lawn

By Samantha Sprole '06

Graduate students in the college's acclaimed Shakespeare studies program moved from the familiar arena of the Blackfriars Playhouse to the lawn at Rose Terrace on campus to stage *Pericles* as their first outdoor show.

Produced by the graduate student organization University Wits, *Pericles* was performed under the direction of Colleen Sullivan and featured original music by Dorene Fisher and Angie Barbera, all students in the Master of Letters and Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance (M.Litt. and MFA) program. The platform stage was set up to mimic the open-air Globe Theatre stage in London. The Wits even encouraged "groundling" audience members to stand during the performance for authenticity.

The Wits made the most of a short rehearsal period, reusable costumes, a simple set, an original live score, and audience interaction. Screeching tires, inclement weather, and other outdoor situations instantly became a part of the play. "Outdoor theatre levels the playing field; it seems to bring the audience and the actors in closer communion, as if we are all in this together," Sullivan said.

The audience embraced the outdoor production, rain or shine, and made generous donations for future University Wits performances. The pay-what-you-think-it's-worth-after-the-show Globe tradition paid off, earning the Wits nearly $1,500 from contributions, concessions, and T-shirt sales.

"Overall [*Pericles* was] a tremendous success and the beginning of a tradition for the University Wits, the M.Litt. and MFA program and Mary Baldwin," Sullivan added.

We invite you to watch the college calendar to be among the first to know about the Wits' production of "The Winter's Tale" in May 2005 during Homecoming and Commencement weekend.

Donald Campbell, left, and MBC President Pamela Fox display the ornate silver tea service and red Mary Baldwin Wedgwood plates that he presented to the college. The tea service — a gift to pioneering former MBC Dean Elizabeth Pfhol Campbell from the student body in 1936 — and one dozen plates were donated to Mary Baldwin by Campbell, the son of Elizabeth Pfhol Campbell and former Board of Trustees Chairman Edmund Campbell. The Campbell family also loaned the college a coin silver sugar bowl and cream pitcher that originally belonged to Rufus Bailey, one of the college's founders and a great-grandfather of Edmund Campbell. These historical items will be on display in the President's House.

faux-wood window blinds, conference tables, and desks.

To make exercise equipment more accessible to students, part of the Pannill Student Center has been transformed into a workout center, thanks to a generous gift from a friend of the college. New treadmills, bikes, elliptical machines, and a stair climber line the wall of windows opposite the Pub. The Center's hours will be modified over time to reflect usage by students and staff. The popular grab-and-go lunch service at the Pub has been enhanced to include a continental breakfast menu, and menu items are more focused on healthy food options.

College Boards Welcome New Leaders

An advertising executive, a former math teacher, and the owner of a diamond store were among the alumnae selected this year to lead Mary Baldwin College boards.

Louise Rossett McNamee '70, an advertising pioneer and partner in the firm Messner Berger McNamee Schmetterer Euro RSCG, was elected to head the MBC Board of Trustees. A trustee since 1989, McNamee earned a B.A. in English. We introduced her in a story in the summer issue of the *Mary Baldwin College Magazine*.

Helen Forster '83 was appointed by President Fox to chair the college's Advisory Board of Visitors. A member of the board since 2000, Forster and her husband, Bob, own and manage The Diamond Outlet in Brentwood, Tennessee. Forster earned a graduate degree from the Gemological Institute of America and has three children.

After eight years on the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors, **Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65** was elected to a term as board president. A former teacher, Evans re-established a strong connection with the college when her daughter, Mary Katherine Evans Hogg '96 enrolled and Evans joined the Parents Council.

President Fox also appointed **Bruce Hatlem** to chair of the Parents Council. Bruce and Judy Hatlem, parents of Stephanie Hatlem '05, have been involved with Parents Council since their daughter was a sophomore. Bruce Hatlem served 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and works as a logistics management specialist for the U.S. Navy's Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office (JSFPO).

No Shame:
Theatre Will Never Be the Same

"It's not a place to be discovered, it's a place to try things out and put perfection aside."

where it all started...

Ristau's theatre project invites national imitation

By Dawn Medley

A theatre production with no rehearsals? No costumes or sets? No "booing"? No problem.

At No Shame Theatre, the phrase "Where anything can happen, and usually does" is more than just the motto used by offspring of the experimental theatre sprouting up around the country. It is a license to make unexpected things happen.

"It's not a place to be discovered, it's a place to try things out and put perfection aside," said Todd Ristau, Mary Baldwin assistant professor of theatre. Ristau generated the idea for No Shame with his friends while earning his Master of Fine Arts at the University of Iowa.

"No Shame equals the freedom to fail," he said.

The skits might sometimes flop, but the idea thrives. Almost 20 years after Ristau and his buddies stood up in the bed of his three-toned, beat-up Dodge pickup truck to deliver the first official No Shame performance, independently run branches have taken root in culture-savvy cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago, Austin, and Portland. Ristau himself started theatres in New York City, Charlottesville, and near his home in Roanoke, Virginia — all followed by press coverage and word-of-mouth buzz.

No Shame debuted at Mary Baldwin in May with a lineup of more than two dozen skits by Ristau and students in his May Term playwriting course. The on-campus performance was a first for No Shame in Staunton, but Ristau teamed with the college's unique graduate program for Shakespeare scholars, other students, and Staunton residents to begin regular sessions in a downtown building this fall.

It is easy for Ristau to think of No Shame theatres as extensions of his classroom; places where students are encouraged and praised, but also where they are challenged to step outside their comfort zones.

The shows are late at night. They are uninhibited — aside from the fact that performers aren't allowed to break any laws. And they are very good and very bad. But don't worry, if you don't like the act you're watching, a different one will be on in three to five minutes.

No Shame should not be misunderstood as No Pride. Performers take their work seriously and participate as a method of improving their craft.

They usually start with the master of ceremony's call to "Let the Shamelessness begin!" There is hardly a typical lineup. In the course of a No Shame session, you can listen to a humorous song about love, be torn apart by a story about the death of a childhood best friend, hear a playful rant about the perils of instant messaging (IM-ing) and shudder at a monologue by someone in character as

a crematorium employee. A Best of No Shame show at James Madison University in Harrisonburg — one of the newest sites — featured these in a lineup of about two dozen skits that celebrated the end of its first season on that campus.

"You don't have to worry too much about it going bad," said Trent Westbrook, a JMU student who brought No Shame to his campus as a part of a class project when he was a senior. "You're just happy you're getting up there."

Westbrook was introduced to No Shame in Charlottesville and admits it took several months before he had the courage to perform himself. Last summer, he accompanied Ristau and dozens of other regular No Shamers at the acclaimed Piccolo Spoleto cultural festival in South Carolina to perform for crowds of hundreds.

"It catches on so effortlessly because of the supportive community it builds," Westbrook said.

If No Shamers wanted to drop a few names of famous past participants, they could do that, too. Camryn Manheim (*The Practice*), John Leguizamo (*Ice Age*), and Toby Huss (*King of the Hill*, *Carnivale*) stepped onto No Shame stages before they set foot on sound stages and movie sets. Ristau himself has had a successful drama career, highlighted by one of his plays, *Great Balls of Fire: The Jerry Lee Lewis Story*, being produced in the West End theatre district of London.

But the actors Ristau is most proud of are his students. Along the way, several undergraduate and graduate students have become regulars at No Shames near campus and in their hometowns.

"You really feel like you're part of the process," said Samantha Sprole '06.

John Shirley, a student in MBC's master's degree program in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in performance, was introduced to No Shame while working as Ristau's graduate assistant. Ristau was tossing around the idea of a No Shame First Aid Kit where fledgling theatres can find pieces already written (and usually performed) by regulars to temporarily fill their rosters. Shirley and Ristau worked together to create the database, which includes works from dozens of people, including many of the original crew members.

"I am still amazed that I am working with someone who has the talent, the vision, and the modesty that Todd Ristau has," said Shirley, who also performed at Piccolo Spoleto this summer. "Mary Baldwin has an amazing resource and an inspiration by having him on the faculty."

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Rules
• Pieces must be original.
• Pieces should be no more than five minutes in length.
• You can't break anything — not yourself, not the audience, not the theatre, and especially not the law.
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Ashley White and Trent Westbrook

Although Ristau said there was little planning for the proliferation of No Shame, he and his partners authored the guide *How to No Shame* in 1990 to establish some consistency among theatres nationwide. "It's just been exploding" since the release of the book, he said.

John Gibson, artistic director at Live Arts in Charlottesville, Virginia summed up his passion for the format as it started its third season in the city: "My only question for any theater without No Shame is 'What are you waiting for?' Don't let the revolution start without you."

If the movement can start in the back of a truck — complete with a wooden rear gate and a motorcycle headlamp for light — it can take root pretty much anywhere.

There might be a No Shame Theatre in your backyard — Austin (Texas), Cedar Falls (Iowa), and Miami (Florida) are a few of the nationwide locales — but the newest branch is right here in Staunton. Stop in when you are in town for a show at 10:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month at 13 West Beverley Street (across from SunTrust Bank). Performers are asked to arrive and turn in their pieces beginning at 9:30 p.m. Actors and audience members pay $5 at the door.

DOENGES VISITING ARTIST THOMAS NOZKOWSKI:

Forget What You Think You Know About Painting

PHOTO BY THERESA ROLLISON

By Dawn Medley

IT MIGHT BE A LANDSCAPE. Or an emotion. Or a phrase in a book he's reading. Or an everyday activity easily overlooked by most people. This is where Thomas Nozkowski, the 2003-04 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Visiting Artist at Mary Baldwin College, finds inspiration.

You will not find a neat row of trees made with careful brushstrokes or faces expressing grief or joy in his portfolio of work. Instead, a vertical series of shapes on a crosshatched blue background or a thin, forked line on a field of golden shades is Nozkowski's artistic attempt to understand the things he sees, hears, and feels.

In one-on-one critiques with the students in his May Term class, he encouraged them to focus less on form, more on content. His efforts were directed not at producing emulators of his painting style, but rather toward persuading students to let go of their preoccupation with what a painting should be and what it should look like. The description for his course Subjects of the Artist asked, "What is the true content of a work of art?"

"The technical advice is easy," said Nozkowski, a New York native who lives and works in a former synagogue in Chinatown. "But what we prize when we look at a work of art are the ideas behind the craft. We are moved by the knowledge that it is a representation of something the artist cared about, a glimpse into how he or she sees the world. The development of that idea is

harder — almost impossible — to teach."

The Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar program is named in honor of Elizabeth Doenges '63, a civic leader who died in 1994. She wanted Mary Baldwin students and faculty to have the opportunity to learn from prominent professionals, such as Nozkowski, who are engaged in distinguished work. In addition to his class, Nozkowski held a public lecture and question-and-answer session on campus last fall. His wife, sculptor and landscape architect Joyce Robins, also shared her work on campus and spoke about the effects of feminism in the art world during May Term.

Nozkowski was nominated for the Doenges by Paul Ryan, MBC associate professor of art. Ryan said he fell in love with the inventiveness of Nozkowski's paintings when he first saw them almost 20 years ago.

"Tom is one of a few very important contemporary painters who have preserved abstract painting as a vital art form in the late 20th and early 21st centuries," Ryan said.

A 1967 graduate of The Cooper Union — a historic studio school in Manhattan — Nozkowski is at ease in the classroom. He has been a visiting artist, similar to his three-week stay at Mary Baldwin, at several notable institutions over 30 years. He is a full professor at Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts, where he has taught for the last four years.

"What's good for me about teaching in general is that it gets me out of the studio to see if my ideas resonate with others," he said. "I have the chance to test the reality of what I'm doing."

Layering coral-colored paint onto a fresh canvas, Ellen Michael '04 explained, "Having somebody who is open to abstract ideas is encouraging." Michael's unusual artwork combines paint and plaster on the canvas. Working with Nozkowski, she said her paintings are evolving into less direct representations, achieved by pushing the plaster shapes partially off the canvas at different angles.

Jim Yoxall '06, a student in the Adult Degree Program, said Nozkowski's uncritical but persistent questioning about his choice of color, brushstroke, or pattern caused him to be more deliberate about how he represents images and emotions on the canvas.

"It's the thought process he's helping us go through, not just the motions," Yoxall said.

Most of Nozkowski's works — some of which are part of prominent collections such as New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and Washington's Corcoran Gallery — are untitled. He wants observers to concentrate on interpretation, not the source of the art. Nozkowski is an abstract artist, but he does not fit neatly into the category of "painter" because he also works extensively with graphite, colored pencils, ink and crayons. "I'm never happier than when I can mix them all up," he said in an interview that was part of a recent exhibition at the New York Studio School.

"There are two things I hope students cultivate in my classes: self-criticism and the understanding that everything they create should be something personal."

Whether the students he teaches become professional artists or not, Nozkowski believes that learning how to think like an artist will serve them well in life.

"Art practice creates critical thinking and the ability to distinguish your personal takes on things from societal wisdom," he said. "There are two things I hope students cultivate in my classes: self-criticism and the understanding that everything they create should be something personal."

2004–05 Doenges Scholar: Arthur Sze

Poet Arthur Sze (pronounced "zee"), a second-generation Chinese American who is the author of seven volumes of poetry (with an eighth in the works), is the 2004–05 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Scholar. Sze is one of the group of poets whose work is shifting the face of American poetry by incorporating Asian influences, says Robert Grotjohn, Mary Baldwin associate professor of English.

Sze's poems have been translated into Chinese, Italian, and Turkish and have appeared in dozens of national and international magazines and collections such as *American Poetry Review*, *Harvard Magazine*, and *Kyoto Journal*. Sze is also the recipient of several prestigious poetry awards including a Western States Book Award for Translation, a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, an American Book Award, and two National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowships.

Sze is a creative writing professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. His time on campus includes a short visit this fall and a longer visit in the spring, when he will teach a May Term course.

"The Shapes of Leaves," from Sze's collection, *The Redshifting Web: Poems 1970-1998*

Ginkgo, cottonwood, pin oak, sweet gum, tulip tree:
our emotions resemble leaves and alive
to their shapes we are nourished.

Have you felt the expanse and contours of grief
along the edges of a big Norway maple?
Have you winced at the orange flare

searing the curves of a curling dogwood?
I have seen from the air logged islands,
each with a network of branching gravel roads,

and felt a moment of pure anger, aspen gold.
I have seen sandhill cranes moving in an open field,
a single white whooping crane in the flock.

And I have traveled along the contours
of leaves that have no name. Here
where the air is wet and the light is cool,

I feel what others are thinking and do not speak,
I know pleasure in the veins of a sugar maple,
I am living at the edge of a new leaf.

faculty and staff highlights

Carrie Arnold, formerly the records and events coordinator for the Adult Degree Program, started work as an admissions counselor May 17.

N. Michael Bissell, commandant of cadets for VWIL, visited Seoul, South Korea, in June and was inducted into the Gold Order of Saint Michael. The Army Aviation Association of America's prestigious award recognizes Bissell's contributions in military service. Bissell also organized a leadership seminar for the Virginia Executive Institute in Richmond entitled "Making Difficult Changes in Large Organizations."

Brenda Bryant, director of VWIL, has also been named acting vice president for enrollment management and student life. **Sharon Spalding** has been named associate director of VWIL and will also continue to teach physical education.

Ashley Buchanan, assistant director of admissions and financial aid counselor, and financial aid counselors **Amanda Dixon** and **Renee McChesney** attended the Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators conference in Virginia Beach in early May.

Jeffrey Buller, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, was invited for the second consecutive year to present seven pre-performance lectures at the International Wagner Festival in Germany. He also had three essays in the 2004/05 *Season Companion of the Chicago Lyric Opera,* 50th anniversary edition.

Paul Callo, assistant professor of biology, had an article titled "Do predator model presentations affect nesting success?" published in the April issue of *Journal of Field Ornithology.*

Mary Hill Cole, professor of history, presented the opening paper entitled "Monarchy in Motions: An Overview of the Elizabethan Progresses" at the Elizabethan Progresses Conference in Stratford, England. Cole also spoke on "Elizabeth I and Her Family" at a meeting of the Society for the Study of Women in the Renaissance at the City University of New York Graduate Center in New York City.

Bruce Dorries, assistant professor of communication, attended the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in Toronto, where he made two presentations — one on teaching disability awareness to media writers and one on integrating community service learning in a communication campaign. Dorries also served on the community editorial board for *The News Leader* in Staunton, was a member of the board of a literacy council based in Waynesboro, and conducted research for an entrepreneurial program that Mary Baldwin hopes to develop.

Virginia Francisco attended an international conference on the baroque theatre in Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic, including candlelight performance in Castle Krumlov's restored 18th century theatre. London, Francisco researched a unique — and little noticed — image of a 16th century masque in performance.

W. Michael Gentry, associate professor of mathematics, served as a judge for the mathematics and statistics section of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science Meeting at Virginia Commonwealth University. **Jim McCrory**, professor of education joined Gentry at Virginia Commonwealth to present a paper, "Correlates of Boredom Proneness," at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science.

Lisa Howdyshell, formerly the office coordinator at the Physical Activities Center, took on new responsibilities at the college as records and events coordinator for adult and graduate studies.

Kenneth Keller, professor of history, presented three papers this summer: "The Valley Turnpike as a Cultural Landscape" at Shenandoah University; and "Medicine as Cultural Baggage: Healing and Disease in the Ulster Scots Settlements of Virginia" and "Searching for Status: The Creation of a Scots-Irish Elite in the Valley of Virginia" (with co-author Katharine L. Brown, adjunct professor of history) at the Center for Migration Studies in Omagh, Northern Ireland. Keller also served as senior advisor to the Institute for Decisive Events in American History at MBC.

Judy Klein, professor of economics, was invited to give a plenary address to the History of Economics Society annual meeting. She delivered her lecture "Constructing Duality: How Applied Mathematics became a Science of Economizing, 1940–1960" at the University of Toronto.

Sara Nair James, associate professor of art history, attended a conference on Art and Theology in the Orvieto Cathedral, sponsored by the Orvieto Cathedral and the Archdiocese of Central Italy. James also published a book review of Creighton Gilbert's "How Fra Angelico and Signorelli saw the End of the World" in the summer issue of the *Renaissance Quarterly.*

Daniel Métraux, professor of Asian Studies, wrote a chapter on Japan's Soka Gakkai in Southeast Asia in *Global Religious Movements in Regional Context,* published this summer. Métraux's article "A Critical Analysis of Brian Victorie's Perspective on Modern Japanese Buddhist History" was published in the 2004 issue of *The Journal of Global Buddhism.*

Steve Mosher, professor of Health Care Administration and political science, chaired a review team session at the Association of University Programs in Health Administration in San Diego, California. Mosher was also on a panel entitled "The Uninsured," which was sponsored by the Charlottesville Free Clinic and connected to the Showtime original series *American Candidate.* He also participated on a panel sponsored by Pfizer Inc. on "Hypertension and Dyslipidemia Management Decisions — Implications for Today's Employers."

Roderic Owen, professor of philosophy, attended the Warrior Forge's Educators Conference at Fort Lewis, Seattle on behalf of the VWIL program. Owen also served as vice president and program chair for the North American Association for the Study of Welsh History and Culture. As part of the organization's conference, he served on a panel examining the teaching of Welsh history and culture at North American colleges and universities.

Peggy Perozzo, assistant professor of physics, collaborated with **Michael Gentry** and research assistant **Dung Ly Tran** on research for the fifth annual MARCUS (Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Undergraduate Scholarship) at Sweet Briar College in October 2003. The team received a $2,700 grant from Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges to conduct research in two areas: application of genetic algorithms in seeking the optimal solution to the game of spider solitaire; and the effect of surface tension on natural resonant frequency of liquids in a cylinder.

Paul Ryan, associate professor of art, was one of two artists featured in the exhibition "Divided Space — Paul Ryan and Paula Owen" at the Emerson Gallery of the McLean Project for the Arts in northern Virginia. Ryan's review of the exhibition "New World Order: A Retrospective of the Work of Kay Rosen," will appear in the Sept./Oct. issue of *Art Papers* magazine.

Jim R. Sconyers Jr., assistant professor of art, held solo exhibitions at the Staunton-Augusta Art Center in June and Piedmont Virginia Community College's Gallery in Charlottesville in late August.

Elaine Traynelis-Yurek, adjunct professor in the MAT program at Mary Baldwin's regional center in Richmond, conducted research in cooperation with a trauma surgeon at West Virginia Charleston Medical. Yurek and her co-researcher looked at the possible link between attention deficit and conduct disorders and patients who seek emergency medical help for traumatic injuries.

Laura van Assendelft, associate professor of political science, co-wrote a book published in May entitled *Women, Politics, and American Society* (4th edition). Co-authors were Nancy McGlen, Karen O'Connor, and Wendy Gunther-Canada.

Noshua Watson '95, an instructor of economics for 2003–04, has left MBC to enter the Ph.D. program in Strategy at INSEAD, a top international business school in Fountainbleu, France. Watson was one of only two students to receive a full scholarship for this program.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Jacquelyn Bessell, a native of England, joined the faculty in the M. Litt. program as an assistant professor. Bessell was most recently an assistant professor in the theatre department at the University of Utah. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Birmingham, England, and her master's and doctorate at Clark University in Massachusetts.

Melinda S. Brown was hired as the new associate director of residence life and freshman services. Brown earned her bachelor's degree in psychology at Sweet Briar and her master of education in college student services administration from Oregon State University. She has worked in residence life at Oregon State University, Shenandoah University and Saint Mary's College in Indiana.

Amy Cash, a graduate of Longwood College, has been named the new associate director for PEG Admissions. Cash comes back to Mary Baldwin from Fishburne Military Academy where she was the director of student services. She took several courses in the College Student Personnel Administration program at James Madison University in the interim.

Lisa Folks was named the new administrative assistant in the Dean of the College Office and began work in July. Folks worked previously as an office manager and administrative assistant for Merck, served as a paralegal in several law firms, and was a liaison to institutions of higher education for Marriott International for ten years.

Lindsey Lucas '04 joined the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid as an admissions counselor. Lucas graduated from MBC last spring with a bachelor of arts in health care administration. She is originally from Newport News, Virginia.

Amanda Myers joined the staff at the Grafton Library as a reference and instruction librarian in August. Myers has a master of library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor's degree in communication from North Carolina State University. While in graduate school, she worked in the Perkins Library at Duke University and at the library at Glaxo-Smith-Kline.

Guari S. Rai was named associate professor of social work. Most recently a professor at James Madison University, Rai earned his first master's degree in social work in his home country of India at Kashi Vidyapith University. He earned another master's at St. Louis University and his Ph.D. at Rutgers University in New Jersey, where he began his teaching career.

Tiffany Riddick '04 was hired as the assistant to the dean of African-American and Multicultural Affairs shortly after her graduation. Riddick, a Hampton, Virginia native, earned her degree in business administration.

Tamra Willis was hired as assistant professor of education in the Master of Arts in Teaching program, a one-year full-time position. Willis earned her undergraduate degree at Appalachian State University, her master's at James Madison University, and her Ph.D. at University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

NEW DIRECTORS JOIN DEPARTMENTS

Gerard Grim has been named director of the annual fund at Mary Baldwin. Grim twice returned from the bussiness world to John Carroll University — his alma mater — to aid the institution with fundraising and alumni relations, but after spending most of his professional life in Ohio, he recognized it was time for change. Grim most recently served as the director of the annual fund and reunion giving at John Carroll.

Grim earned his teaching certificate at Cleveland State University. He worked in sales and marketing for private industries, including Fortune 500 companies, and as a producer and daily co-host on a Cleveland-based radio station, between tenures in development positions at John Carroll.

Grim wants to continue the college's mission of personalizing communication with alumnae/i in an effort to raise the percentage of graduates who contribute to the annual fund to at least 40 percent — the rate held as a standard by the nation's top colleges, he said.

Carol Larson brings the experience of more than two decades in marketing, public relations, communication, fundraising, and publishing to her new position as director of communication. Larson earned her bachelor's degree in communication from James Madison University in 2001 as an adult student. She most recently served as communications manager for a regional hospital in Virginia.

She has also held several positions in marketing and has served as a senior manager with Capital One, CEO of a humane society, director of a zoo, development officer for a professional theatre, editor-in-chief of a magazine, and managing editor of a weekly newspaper.

Larson will oversee development of content for the public sections of the college's Web site; for other print and electronic publications and promotional materials; and for sharing with the media to promote Mary Baldwin publicly. She will also serve as editor of this magazine.

R. Daniel Shephard, an 18-year veteran of development roles with theatre companies and educational institutions, has been named associate vice president for development. Shephard, a native of the Roanoke Valley, has held fundraising positions at Florida State University, the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech, and The Linsly School, a small college preparatory school in West Virginia.

Shephard started his undergraduate education with dreams of being an actor and he earned his bachelor's degree in theatre at North Carolina Wesleyan College. He said his stage training taught him two skills that carry into the development office: how to be fully present in a conversation and how to listen effectively. After serving in the United States Army and earning a Master of Fine Arts in theatre management from Virginia Tech, he discovered a different way to contribute to the success of theatre companies — first as a business manager and then as a fundraising professional.

Guillermo X. Ubilla has been named director of residence life. A graduate of James Madison University — where he earned his undergraduate degree and a master of education in counseling psychology — Ubilla comes to Mary Baldwin from Shenandoah University, where he was the director of residence life.

Ubilla's approach to residence life is to make a clear distinction between housing students and operating a hotel. "Anyone can give people a room with a bed to sleep in and some amenities. At a college, it is really more about extending the educational and community aspects to show students that they can learn — about interests, cultures, service — while in their dorms, too."

Roger E. Wilborn is the director of the college's regional center in South Boston as well as professor of education in the Adult Degree Program. Wilborn earned his undergraduate degree at Ferrum College, his master's at Duke University School of Divinity, and his doctorate in divinity at Drew University. Wilborn also earned his teacher licensure, with endorsements in history, K-12 learning disabilities, and K-12 emotional disturbances. He has worked as a special education teacher in Mecklenburg County Schools and Halifax County Schools for the past 14 years.

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MBC Employee's Historic Renovation Wins State Award

By Dawn McCoy

IT TOOK NATURE MORE THAN 100 YEARS to blow off the 25-foot metal cornice, split the mortar in the brick walls, and accumulate hundreds of pounds of animal dung at the historic building on Augusta Street in downtown Staunton, but Mary Baldwin Regional Center Director Marion Ward and a team of professionals restored it in just over a year on their own time.

"It was just a shambles," Ward said, pictures in a scrapbook reminding her of the state of the 4,500-square-foot building when she bought it. "Ceilings had collapsed, it was dark and smelly, and there was literally tons of trash." Still, the thought rolled over and over in her head: "I've got to save it."

In May, the building won the Virginia Downtown Development Association's Award of Excellence for Building Development and Improvements.

The only renovation experience Ward had was residential — she once owned and worked on a 200-year-old home and now lives in a cottage built in the 1950s — but she saw potential where others saw broken windows and rotting wood. Originally built as a saloon in the 1890s as part of the Saloon Row that welcomed travelers from the train station a block away, the unique Victorian had many incarnations over the years including its most recent — two decades ago — as an auto parts office and warehouse.

On a recent visit, Ward affectionately pointed out metal bars on the windows at the back of the building that hint at a facet of its history. "We think these were put on so people would not be thrown or fall out the window into the creek," she said. Lewis Creek runs under the building several dozen feet below. "It probably got pretty rowdy in here," she smiled.

A Mary Baldwin employee for the better part of the last 15 years, Ward said the restoration, like other forms of community involvement, is "part of being a good citizen. Everyone gives in their own way. I really felt like I was contributing." Ward believes it is important to nurture the city that surrounds Mary Baldwin to insure the success of both town and college. Her commitment to the college is demonstrated in the series of positions she has held: assistant dean of students, director of residence life, adjunct instructor of women's studies, and academic advisor in the Adult Degree Program — the program she now manages at the regional center at Blue Ridge Community College.

There was even some overlap of services between her project and one at the college. Local artisan Robbie Lawson helped Ward with the restoration of the metalwork on the enormous cornice; shortly before his work with Ward, Lawson helped design and carve the ornate maces used at Mary Baldwin ceremonies.

The arched ornamental cornice quickly became the showpiece of the project, and Ward uncovered an engaging story about the piece along the way. Deemed one of the most elaborate metal cornices in the city in its heyday, it was ripped off during a strong storm in 1975. Although most of the pieces fell into the creek below, Jim Hanger, a local potter and preservationist, rescued nearly 50 chunks and saved them for many years. Ward used Hanger's salvaged pieces to reconstruct the cornice, now decked out with magenta flowers and spires, cream molding, and turquoise accents.

Ward's vision for the resurrected building includes an art gallery, antique wares, and maybe an apartment or office on the second level where dramatic arched windows pour light onto the wood floorboards.

"I wouldn't say no to another project if the right one came along," she said. "It was a great learning experience."

SEEING GREEN:

Art Professor Contributes To Environmental Architecture

By Dawn Medley

At the center of Elevation 314 — an eco-friendly apartment complex that opened earlier this year in Takoma Park, Maryland — is Amy Arnold's latest masterpiece. An adjunct assistant professor of art at Mary Baldwin, Arnold is a landscape architect who started her own business, *land + form*, in 2000 and shortly after became involved with Elevation 314, where all the materials and plantings used in the building and landscaping are renewable, recycled, eco-engineered, or native. Just before the complex opened its doors for tenants to move in, Arnold answered questions about her role in the project.

What makes Elevation 314 a unique project?
Elevation 314 is one of the first sustainable development projects in the D.C. area. The architecture and the landscape architecture are all based on systems that are environmentally sound.

For my part, the courtyard's plantings, sidewalks and general configuration [the gardens are in the triangular space in the center of the three sides of the building] are arranged as a deliberate sequence of experiences about spatial relationships, color, scent, light, sound, seasonal change, and views from within the courtyard and into the courtyard from the building. The gardens are an integral part of the living experience for the residents.

The project relies heavily on indigenous plant species: trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, ferns, and moss. The preservation of a place is usually discussed in terms of urban form and rural preservation. Place also exists in details: local forms of music, cadence in speech, and indigenous plant culture. Using native species supports the preservation of place. The use of plants, in the context of landscape architecture, becomes an integral part of expression of culture, place, and community values.

What special considerations did you have to account for in the design?
Wildly varying light conditions. The courtyard is pretty narrow at one end and has a cantilever on one edge, so the gardens are very different from one end to the other. This allows the apartments with courtyard entrances to have a sense of identity based on their light conditions and plantings.

We built in small surprises and intimate details. For example, the entrance stairs to the courtyard apartments are made of metal mesh, so as residents enter they pass over a garden "moat" beneath their feet.

Attracting birds to this very urban site was part of our intention as well.

How is landscape architecture an art form? How do you hone your craft?
The closest discipline in the fine arts is probably site-specific sculpture, but landscape architecture goes one step further than most site-specific sculpture to include responsibility to a larger community as an integral part of the work. This makes landscape architecture difficult to categorize, isolate and present in the traditional fine art forums of galleries and methods of documentation. Honing the work happens in process, like with most disciplines; by imagining, making, and active analysis of the results.

How does being a professional influence teaching and how does being a teacher influence your professional work?
As a landscape architect, my work is inherently about coordinating and working with multiple disciplines, multiple points of view. This experience has taught me to place my priority in teaching on valuing and supporting the student's voice through the approach we take to solving problems in class. My hope is that they will learn to hear their own voices more clearly and to value themselves as unique and irreplaceable.

For me, teaching will always remind me about the importance of self-questioning and the discovery inherent in the process of describing and explaining ideas to each other.

Food Service Employee Finds Stability at MBC

By Dawn Medley

August 2, 1993. November 19, 1998. February 14, 1999. Insignificant squares on a calendar for most people, but they are dates that Lonnie Wallace will never forget.

"Sometimes you find yourself in situations you never imagined you'd ever be in. Some days will stay with you for the rest of your life," he said, his eyes lifting reflexively to the ceiling. Feeling comfortable in the fresh plaid button-down shirt and khakis that he changed into after his day shift in the dining hall at Mary Baldwin College, he begins to tell his story in sentences that are at once simple and poignant.

For the last five years, Lonnie Wallace has been the dutiful employee with a welcoming smile who is famous for replying "why sure" to every request when food needs serving, tables need cleaning or students need answers. This summer, he became the college's first employee to be named the Hourly Associate of the Year for the Mid-Atlantic Region of Chartwells, the company that provides food service for Mary Baldwin and more than 200 other colleges and universities internationally. "It was a chance for Mary Baldwin and for Chartwells to show how much employees like Lonnie mean to us," said Virginia Ridge, MBC's director of dining and special events.

Wallace's indomitable work ethic — he's never missed a day or been late since he started — and his model employee personality impressed the judging panel, but the past five years of Wallace's life are in sharp contrast to the five-year period before that.

August 2, 1993

He set out from his native Shenandoah Valley August 2, 1993, heading in a bus for New York City. It was a place he had been several

PHOTO BY DAWN MEDLEY

Lonnie Wallace

times as a tourist and a visitor, but this time he was going there to live. He didn't want to be famous and he wasn't trying to become a millionaire. He wanted to make a living and make a life for himself.

"The American dream turned into the American nightmare," he admitted.

Before he realized what had happened, he was choosing to sleep on a sidewalk or on the floor of a public building — or sometimes not to sleep at all — instead of spending his last bit of money on a hotel room for the night.

Although he was working — first as a custodian and then as a general laborer for the city's parks department — and collecting welfare, Wallace could not afford to make routine rent payments for stable housing. "Why didn't you just come back?" people asked him. He was homeless, but remembers thinking "At least I am independent."

Grace & Hope Mission, a Third Avenue establishment for many years, was the one place in New York that gave Wallace hope that his situation would turn around. While he was still living on the streets himself, Wallace volunteered at the mission, preparing and serving meals, and reviving his long-dormant Christian faith. "The family went to church when I was young, but that was my first real connection with the Lord as an adult," he said.

November 19, 1998

November 19, 1998 "started out like any other day," Wallace said, but a letter from home relating the news of his mother's stroke and declining health changed everything.

"I was so nervous when it sunk in what I had just done," he said. "I made the decision that I had been putting off for five years since I came to New York. I was coming home in exactly the situation that I didn't want to be in. I hadn't made money, I didn't have a place to live; I didn't have anything to show for all the time I had been there. In a way, it felt like giving up, but I knew I had to do it."

When he returned to take care of his mother, he knew exactly where to turn for a job. The only application he submitted was to Mary Baldwin College, where he had worked in the dining hall for two stints between 1986 and 1993. "There are lots of places where you can get a job, but here I remembered feeling like family," Wallace said.

February 14, 1999

He got the call offering him the position February 14, 1999. Five years later, he was chosen by his fellow employees to represent the college nationally as part of Chartwells' "Quest for Success" pro-

gram in an effort to continually improve the dining experience. He was going back to New York — to Rhinebeck, a few hours upstate from Long Island — but this time it was for an all-expense-paid stay in a plush hotel.

Wallace was too nervous to remember what he ate at the formal dinner and reception at the Culinary Institute of America before he received his award, but Ridge saved a copy of the menu signed by many Chartwells executives that she presented to him along with his award at the staff's annual back-to-school meeting.

"He would do anything I asked him to do, and he has a wonderful attitude," Ridge said.

Faculty, staff and students agree. "He is one of the most professional food service employees I have come in contact with anywhere," said Sheila Tolley, director of operations for adult and graduate studies.

Brandy Perrin '05 worked with Wallace in the dining hall during her junior year. "He is usually pretty quiet and minds his own business, but he was there to listen to students' problems and works very hard to find the answers fast," she said.

"He has taken this all in with such a quiet appreciation," said Anne Holland, senior director of alumnae projects. "He comes to work every day and does his best because that's what gives him satisfaction. He doesn't do it with a prize in mind."

Wallace is still letting it all sink in. "It was almost unreal," he said. "It's like this was the big payoff that had always been waiting for me at the end. I finally feel as if I'm on my way, and to have other people recognize that is unbelievable."

Dining Service Earns Top Rating for Sixth Year

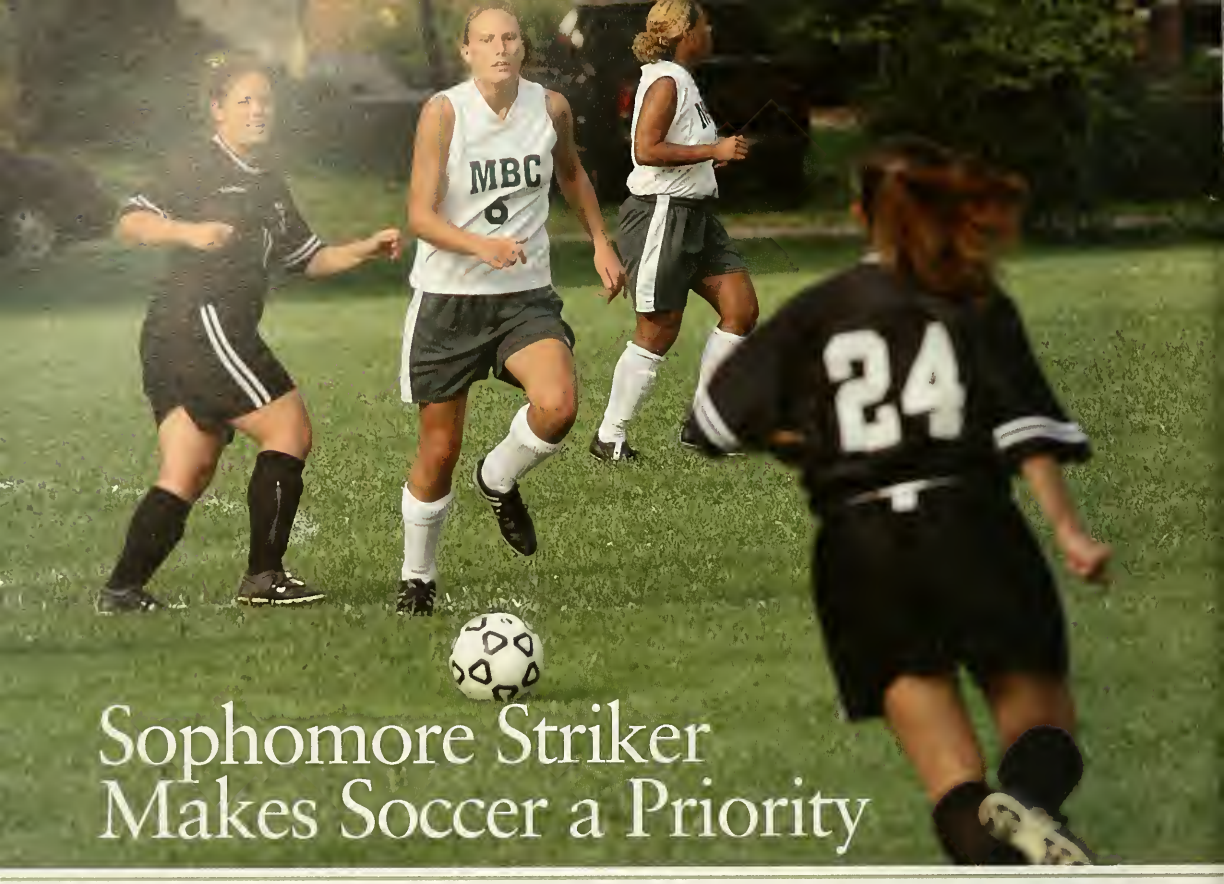
Chartwells, the international company that provides dining hall and catering services to Mary Baldwin College and hundreds of other colleges and universities internationally, recently awarded the MBC food service staff two plaques in recognition of their performance in the "Quest For Success" incentive program.

The dining service at MBC has received Chartwells' top "5-Star" status for six consecutive years. This year the group was also named the runner-up for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Account of the Year, second only to Wagner College in New York. Gini Ridge, director of dining and special events, accepted the plaques while at Chartwells' annual conference and will display them in the mezzanine in Lyda B. Hunt Dining Hall.

"We sponsored many student events, we practiced diversity in our meals, and we got our students involved," Ridge said about the yearlong process. To earn each star, the staff met benchmarks, started activities, and retooled its menus to encourage fundamental qualities such as teamwork, diversity, variety, and success. An employee recognition program was also a major goal.

Nuthouse Adds Starbucks, Novelties

The arrival of Starbucks coffee at the Nuthouse — the lounge and snack center on the first level of Hunt Dining Hall — has attracted a lot of attention this fall. In addition to the world-renowned brew, Hershey's ice cream concoctions and Au Bon Pain soups and sandwiches round out a menu that is ideal for a relaxing break or grab-and-go. The Nuthouse is also open to the public 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Sophomore Striker Makes Soccer a Priority

By Dawn Medley

She remembers her first pair of pint-sized shin guards. Bought the day before her first practice along with brand-new knee socks, cleats, and a ball that still survives somewhere — likely with her parents in Leesburg, Virginia — the ensemble made six-year-old Jessica Lankes feel like a real soccer player.

"That ball was like solid plastic, not stitched and soft like the good ones they use today," Lankes laughed. "I can't believe we kept it around for so long; I think that happened by mistake."

Undeterred by the hard plastic ball, Lankes was hooked on the game from that first day. She credits good coaching in those early years as a player on American Youth Soccer Organization co-ed teams with sparking a passion for soccer that grows stronger as she gets older.

"I just showed up and had no idea what I was doing," she said. "People kept asking me 'Are you sure you haven't played before?' It just felt so natural to me, like I knew how to move the ball already, but I've had to work on perfecting it a lot, too."

A sophomore in her second season on the Fighting Squirrels' soccer team at MBC, Lankes' current quest is finding a way to combine her sports savvy with her professional ambitions. To pursue her childhood desire to own a sports-related business, Lankes is studying business administration with an emphasis in management. When she's ready, she hopes to call on MBC alumnae/i entrepreneurs for advice and strategies. Lankes also gets experience working in a ski and skate shop during college breaks.

As for understanding her potential consumers, Lankes' most valuable research is done when she is concentrating on honing her skills — on the field, in the pool, and on the slopes. Lankes put competitive swimming, which she also picked up at a young age and continued through high school, on hold when she started college to focus on soccer and academics. And Lankes isn't exactly sedentary in the winter, either. Six years ago she took up snowboarding, and she now describes it as a passion.

Soccer is Lankes' sport of choice, though; she has played on indoor teams and participated in Mary Baldwin's intramural club in the spring.

"It's like an addiction. A good addiction," she said. "When you're not playing, you want to be playing. At the end of the season, yeah, you're tired and worn out, but you do go through withdrawal. It's hard for me to even watch other people playing because I want to be in there."

There's a reason teammates offhandedly call her "lanky" — a play on her last name. At a slender 5-feet 9-inches, Lankes' frame suggests that she is a forward on the Mary Baldwin basketball team; instead, she is on the front line of the soccer squad, surprising opposing players with her speed at the striker — or center forward — position. Head soccer coach Andrew Green said height gives Lankes an advantage when heading the ball, especially on corner kicks.

"She's deceptively fast, too," said Green, who started coaching at MBC during Lankes' freshman year. "Her long strides and good ball skills make her dangerous."

Lankes offers more than speed and good ball handling on the field. Although she is one of the team's younger members, she has emerged as one of its leaders, Green said. Her intuitive feel for where she is on the field in relation to other players and almost constant communication with them translated to 14 goals during the 2003–04 season. She was named a first team all-conference player for the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference.

"She has a good sense of humor that she's not afraid to share," Green added.

Lankes is convinced that participation in a collegiate sport has benefits beyond the physical: she made fast friends as a freshman, she eats healthy and stays in shape, and she is more self-confident about her abilities in and out of the classroom.

"It's weird to think all that happens just by being on the field a few hours a day, but, if you have the heart and the work ethic, sports will help shape your Mary Baldwin experience for the best," she said.

MBC Sports HIGHLIGHTS

Young Squirrels Shoot Hoops at MBC Camp

By Samantha Sprole '06

While the Adult Degree Program hosted its annual Summer Week on one end of campus, smaller squirrels developed their athleticism on the other. Jackie Bryan, MBC's head basketball coach and sports information director, has offered Lil' Squirrels Basketball Camp each year during her four years at Mary Baldwin. "We try to teach them the fundamentals and have some fun along the way," Bryan said.

This year, 42 Augusta County girls honed their skills on the MBC Physical Activities Center court. "I really like that it's all girls," Martha Taylor, an 11-year-old player said of her two years with the Squirrels. "It makes me feel more comfortable."

Half the players returned after last year. Rising fourth- and fifth-graders train on the half-court beside rising sixth- and seventh-graders as the girls compete in four games each day interspersed with tutorials, small group competitions and contests. "I like to play games," Oana Chrisp, 12, said. "I love to shoot." Bryan also started a camp for older basketball enthusiasts in grades eight through 12.

The coaches, experienced players including MBC alumnae and incoming freshmen, help campers according to their individual needs. Bryan sees significant improvement throughout the week. "It's a game I love," Bryan said. "I like to share it with other people."

In addition to teaching basic teamwork and technique, counselors provide role models for young ladies not commonly exposed to women coaches. Lil' Squirrels Basketball Camp is one of only a few all-girl summer camps in the area and has benefited from a female staff since it started. Campers finish the week with improved basketball technique, team-building skills, and real-life examples of talented female athletes. "[Being a counselor] is good because I get to meet so many kids," said Maneisha "Moe" Hardy '04, an MBC player who broke records as point guard last year. "They come to my games."

Eimers Joins Wife On Volleyball Court

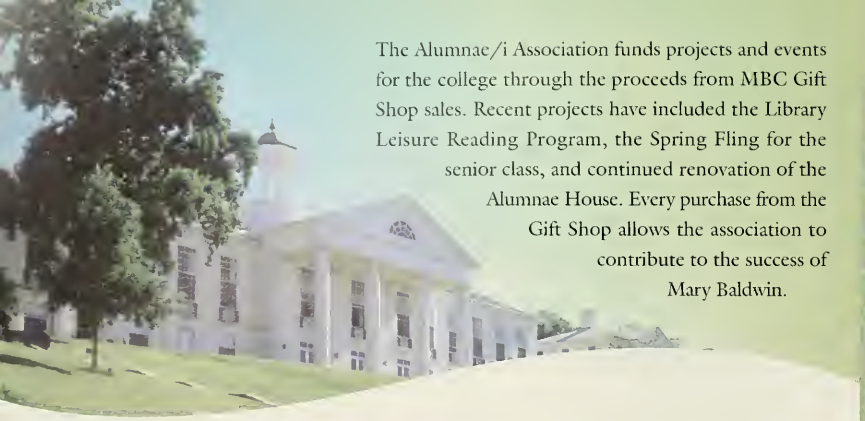
Charles Eimers and his wife, Tiffany, have coached together before, but this season is the first time that the couple paired up at MBC to guide the Squirrels' volleyball team. Charles Eimers joined his wife — who served as assistant coach for a few years and is in her second year as head coach — as assistant coach this fall.

"We will work together to help them be the best team they can be," said Charles Eimers, who also worked with his wife as a volleyball coach for the Blue Ridge division of the Junior Olympics.

Eimers attended the University of Miami and became interested in beach volleyball there, he said. He has been coaching for about five years and owns a business named Blue Ridge Technology.

Wondering how your favorite MBC team is doing in the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference tournament?

For up-to-date sports scores and information, visit *www.mbc.edu/athletics.*



The Alumnae/i Association funds projects and events for the college through the proceeds from MBC Gift Shop sales. Recent projects have included the Library Leisure Reading Program, the Spring Fling for the senior class, and continued renovation of the Alumnae House. Every purchase from the Gift Shop allows the association to contribute to the success of Mary Baldwin.

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Alumnae/i Association President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am extremely honored to be serving as the president of the Mary Baldwin College Alumnae/i Association for 2004–06. As I began my term July 1, I realized the exciting opportunity each of us has to be a part of the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan, Mary Baldwin College 2014: **Composing Our Future**. Many of you participated in the plan by letting your voices be heard and by providing thoughtful suggestions concerning Mary Baldwin's future. I urge each of you to become familiar with the plan and to determine what part you can play in its implementation. If you have Internet access, you can follow the progress of the strategic plan at *http://www.mbc.edu/strategic_plan.* With Dr. Fox's passion, energy, care and concern for the students, and under her very able leadership, Mary Baldwin will continue to flourish.

I treasure my association with the office of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations under the capable leadership of Lynn Tuggle Gilliland '80 and her staff. The office, headquartered in the Alumnae House, serves as the liaison between the college and its graduates. It provides direction and support to the Alumnae/i Association and its Board of Directors. The Alumnae/i Association is the vehicle through which alumnae/i volunteers can help with recruitment, continuing education, career networking, annual giving, and homecoming/class reunions. Join the fun and lend your support to our wonderful college.

I am also grateful to be surrounded by energetic, enthusiastic, and capable women serving on the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors. We are all committed to strengthening the college through the giving of our time, our talents, and our financial support.

I thank you for your continuing interest and I look forward to meeting you in my travels.

Sincerely,

Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65
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HUNDREDS OF ALUMNAE came to campus to tour the renovated President's House, relive the dorm experience, and reunite with classmates. Among the large group celebrating its 35th reunion was then-president of the MBC Board of Trustees, Claire "Yum" Lewis Arnold, who was also given a surprise honorary degree — doctor of humane letters — at Commencement to cap off the weekend. The Class of 1999 was also well represented; the youngest group of reunion attendees numbered more than 45. Grafton Society medallions were distributed for the second year to returning members of classes that graduated 50 or more years ago.

Ethel Mae Smeak '53

One of the weekend's highlights was a rare honor given to **Ethel Mae Smeak '53**, professor emerita of English and a former Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors member. For her effectiveness as a "bridge" between students, faculty, and alumnae, Smeak was named a lifetime member of the Board of Directors — making her one of only a few people to hold the distinction.

Smeak, a Staunton resident, is intensely supportive of the Blackfriars Playhouse and of MBC's masters programs in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature. She serves on volunteer boards in the Staunton area and is a past member of the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors.

For her contributions to college, community, and church, Smeak also earned the Emily Smith Medallion. Smeak joined the Mary Baldwin faculty in 1965 and during her tenure served on many major committees at the college and as the assistant marshal for several years. While a professor, she was appointed to the Margaret Hunt Hill Distinguished Chair in the Humanities, and she continued to collect honors, including being elected to Omicron Delta Kappa — the national leadership honor society — and to Phi Beta Kappa, and received the Emily Wirsing Kelly Award.

PHOTOS BY DANIELLE MCMILLION

Alumnae/i Awards Given at Homecoming

Career Achievement Award
Frances Thompson McKay '69, of Washington, D.C., for achievements in music performance and education. McKay, a composer and music theory and composition professor at Levine School of Music, earned her masters degree at the University of Virginia and her doctorate in musical arts at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. She is the chair of the composition department and coordinator of the Honors Program at Levine. She has also taught at Georgetown University and Goucher College.

McKay has been a lifelong contributor to the world of music — performing, directing, writing about, and teaching the subject for several decades. Her performance venues have included Washington, D.C.'s Corcoran Gallery, Barney Circle House at the Smithsonian Institute, and Wolf Trap. She also created and coordinated Current Jam, a lecture series by composers, choreographers, visual artists, writers, and filmmakers from the Washington area.

Emily Wirsing Kelly Leadership Award
Elizabeth "Betsy" Newman Mason '69 of Norfolk, Virginia, for many years of service on advisory boards at Mary Baldwin and membership in several civic organizations in the Norfolk area. Mason's leadership was an asset to Mary Baldwin when she was a member of the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors in the 1980s and 1990s and, later, a member of the Advisory Board of Visitors. She now serves on the Board of Trustees. A former teacher and active civic servant, Mason has been an officer in the chambers of commerce in Norfolk and Hampton Roads and volunteered with the United Way of Hampton Roads and the American Heart Association.

Emily Wirsing Kelly Scholarship
Ashley Nicole Ragland '05 of Shipman, Virginia, for exhibiting excellence in the Fine Arts. The award is named in honor of the late Emily Wirsing Kelly, an alumna from the Class of 1963 and past Alumnae/i Association president. A drawing and interior design major, Ragland has received several art scholarships, published work in *Art Papers* magazine, and was a member of the volleyball team as a junior.

Virginia L. Lester Scholarship
Morgan Elizabeth Frazier '05 of Valentine, Nevada, a three-time recipient of the scholarship. The award, named for the college's seventh president, recognizes a legacy student who has demonstrated academic excellence and leadership.

Service to Church Award
Jo Bales Gallagher '48, of Richmond, Virginia, for service to and employment with the church. As an employee in the Education and Congregational Nurture Division of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., Gallagher created the Resource Center Network and formed the National Training Center for Resource Center Directors, where she is now executive director. She has also served on the church's General Assembly in the committee on women's concerns and was a member of the American Association of University Women.

Ruth Hawkins Molony '59, of Waynesboro, Virginia, for her quiet and unassuming service to church. A former elementary school teacher, Molony served the First Presbyterian Church in Staunton and the First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro as an elder, leader and Sunday school teacher. Molony is also a former member of the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Augusta Garden Club.

Service to Community Award
Sally Hull Dorsey '64, of Atlanta, Georgia, for community service efforts that range from medical organizations to art promotion to historic societies. Dorsey is the executive director of Animal Health Trust U.S., Ltd., a charity that raises money for health research to benefit dogs, cats, and horses. She has worked with the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the Atlanta Ballet, and the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, among others. Dorsey has also found time to volunteer at Mary Baldwin — as a former member of the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors and a current member of the college's Advisory Board of Visitors.

To learn more about the alumnae/i awards go to:
http://www.mbc.edu/alumnae/awards.asp

Thanks!

Don't forget: Mary Baldwin will waive the application fee for prospective students referred by alumnae/i. Does your neighbor have a daughter in high school? A member of your church perhaps? Let us know about the fine young ladies in your area. You will find a prospective student referral card in this magazine or you can visit our website at *www.mbc.edu/alumnae* and click on Student Referral Form.

The Mary Baldwin College community would like to thank the following volunteers for their assistance with scholarship presentations:

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Commencement 2004

"You haven't been educated in order to have a successful career — although I'm sure you will — you've been educated so that you may have a successful life."

Commencement speaker Louise Rossett McNamee '70 urged the graduating class to continue to be kind people. "You will be happier for it, and the world will be better for having you in it," she said. McNamee, a veteran New York advertising executive and one of the most recognized women in the field, said she hoped it would not take the 2004 graduates as long as it did for her to realize the power of a Mary Baldwin education: "You haven't been educated in order to have a successful career — although I'm sure you will — you've been educated so that you may have a successful life. And there is a world of difference." Read the full text of McNamee's Commencement address at *http://www.mbc.edu/hc/commencement/2004/speech.asp.*

The presence of non-traditional and graduate students continues to grow at Mary Baldwin Commencement ceremonies. More than one in three of the undergraduates earning their degrees were adult students in 2004, and the Master of Arts in Teaching and Master of Letters programs both recorded a record number of graduates. The first three students to complete the Master of Fine Arts also earned their degrees, and were presented with ceremonial hoods by world renowned actress Dame Judi Dench.

After four years of navigating the steps and slopes of the college campus, the walk to the podium at Commencement was taken in stride by graduate Angela Woolf and her seeing-eye dog, Writer. Woolf, a communication and sociology double major who graduated with distinction in communication, received her diploma and Writer was given a certificate of service, a bone, and a Mary Baldwin dog collar. Woolf was one of more than 320 undergraduates — including those in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, the Adult Degree Program, and the graduate programs — to receive a degree in May.

Mary Baldwin College gave Dame Judi Dench, the acclaimed British actress who has won virtually every major acting award, her first American honorary degree at Commencement. Dench, in turn, helped present the ceremonial academic hoods to the first three students to earn a master of fine arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in performance.

In full parade dress on the athletic field in front of the Physical Activities Center, the 23 graduating seniors in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership heaved their sabers into the ground and wiped tears from their eyes, passing the leadership of the cadet corps on to the next class.

First Captain Jennifer Kukla of Richmond, Virginia, commander of the corps, turned over leadership of the corps to her successor, Mei-Ling Fye of Alexandria, Virginia. Kukla is now an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Nearly half of this year's graduates in the world's only all-woman corps of cadets have commissioned in the armed forces. VWIL was inaugurated in 1995, and the addition of the Class of 2004 brings the number of alumnae to 134

Major Awards

Among the top awards presented at Commencement were the following:

Susannah Baskervill of Petersburg, Virginia: Algernon Sydney Sullivan Student Award — recognizing unselfish service, noble character, and spiritual qualities — and the accompanying Mary Keith Fitzroy Award. A Bailey Scholar and member of Phi Beta Kappa, Baskervill is an international relations major who will attend Candler School of Theology at Emory University. As the recipient of the Margarett Kable Russell Award in 2004, Baskervill involved Staunton school children in building a community vegetable garden in the city. Baskervill also received the Martha Stackhouse Grafton Award, given to the graduate with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Emma Leed of Frankford, West Virginia: Master of Arts in Teaching Student of the Year. While working on her master's, Leed served as the first graduate assistant in the MAT program, a position created by a research grant from the Malone Family Foundation. She assisted with research about the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted and worked as a resident staff member in the program. Leed is a graduate of Centre College in Kentucky. In the fall, she will begin her teaching career at Beverley Manor Middle School in Augusta County, Virginia.

Debra Faith Skiles of Pilot, Virginia: Adult Degree Program Outstanding Student. Skiles began her college career in tandem with her twin sons, who are enrolled at Amherst College in Massachusetts. A history major, Skiles maintained an A average. Her senior paper on southern Presbyterian women missionaries earned departmental distinction. Skiles has spoken at orientations for new ADP students and represented ADP on the General Education Task Force. She plans to pursue graduate studies and teach at the college level.

Laura Dansby

MFA Graduates Make MBC History

Nancy Beall

PHOTOS BY GRETCHEN NEWMAN

LAST FALL THEY MADE HEADLINES as the first graduates of Mary Baldwin's master of letters program in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in performance. Then at graduation in 2004 Nancy Beall and Laura Dansby were thrust into the spotlight again and sought out by reporters. Along with Cathy Brookshire, who was not present at the ceremony, Beall and Dansby were the first students to earn a Master of Fine Arts — the terminal degree in the field — from Mary Baldwin.

After receiving her degree and scholarly hood from a special guest at Commencement — Oscar-winning British actress Dame Judi Dench — Beall told Staunton's *The News Leader* that she wants to use Shakespeare to change peoples' lives and make them better citizens.

"I just think there is a level of genius there that can teach us to be better humans," she told the newspaper, referring to the Bard's work.

The small first class of MFA graduates was the realization of a dream for the team that spearheaded the one-of-a-kind program and started its first courses in 2001. It is a realization that will be repeated as more M.Litt. graduates push on to their MFA.

Shakespeare scholars recognized the value of the program from its inception. Mary Baldwin was able to attract Andrew Gurr, a scholar from London's Globe Theatre and one of the world's foremost experts on the construction of Elizabethan theatres, and University of Maryland Professor of Theatre Francis Hildy, in its inaugural year. This academic year JP Scheidler, the resident fight director for Shenandoah Shakespeare, and Kate Burke, a professor from the University of Virginia, will join the illustrious list of visiting faculty.

Shenandoah Shakespeare Executive Director Ralph Cohen, an early supporter of the program, joined Mary Baldwin's full-time faculty in 2003. M.Litt./MFA students were some of the first to use the stage at Shenandoah Shakespeare's Blackfriars Playhouse in downtown Staunton, and the organization has maintained a strong partnership with the program since.

The program's reputation has attracted potential students from around the country and the globe, too, making the admission process highly selective. In an effort to keep the number of students close to 50, just 17 of 37 applicants were admitted as M.Litt. candidates this year. This year's incoming class includes the first international student — England native Anna Northam, who has appeared in dozens of plays at the Northcott Theatre in Exeter, England, and in film and television — and Becky Kemper, a 1990 graduate of New York University and co-founder of the Shakespeare Project theatre group in Frederick, Maryland.

Frank R. Southerington, director of the program and MBC professor of English, says, "This year's class was selected with the same high standards and represents the variety of students we always look for," he said.

Mary Baldwin Graduate Had 'Faith' in Adult Degree Program

By Dawn Medley

When Debra Faith Skiles — known to most people by her descriptive middle name — left Central Alabama Community College after just one quarter to care for her newborn twin boys, she was already thinking about how she would finish her college education. Almost 20 years later, Skiles' sons led her back to the classroom.

While researching their own options for college, twins Josh and Jeff became convinced that it was time for their mother — by then, in her late thirties — to go back to school, too. For their own education they chose Amherst College in Massachusetts. For their mother, Mary Baldwin College — with a nearby regional center in Roanoke, Virginia — was the ideal solution.

"I told them, 'If you can find a reputable school where I can take most of the courses from home, I'll do it," Skiles said, explaining that she didn't want a 'mail-order' diploma. "To tell the truth, I didn't really think they could do it. The Adult Degree Program (ADP) at Mary Baldwin ended what had been a 20-year struggle for me to find a way to get my degree."

Her determination is unmistakable in her application essay from summer 2001: "I also have long term goals. (Some say they are bordering on ludicrous for someone my age, which, of course, just spurs me on to show them wrong!) I am under no delusions that going back to school will not be different and difficult. I can say that I am just a bit scared, but also excited."

Josh said he and his brother read over Skiles' first few papers at her request, "but there were really no problems with them. She didn't fall into the trap of just going back to school to finish her degree and be done with it; rather, she chose to make the most of the rest of the time she had in school."

Juggling her job as a math and history teacher at Community Christian Academy in Christiansburg, Virginia, with online classes and trips to the MBC offices located at the Higher Education Center in Roanoke, Skiles earned her undergraduate degree in history in three years. "I had a little head start," Skiles says, smiling about the fact that she finished college before her sons, who will enter their senior year in the fall. Skiles started her college education with two years at Columbus College in Georgia, added a semester at Georgia Southwestern after she married, and then attended Central Alabama Community College for a quarter.

"I just can't say enough about how important the flexibility of the program is for adult students," Skiles said. "I could be home at night to prepare dinner and do my homework at ball games and music lessons."

The schedule also allowed Skiles to make extended trips to Pennsylvania to care for her husband's elderly uncle without being penalized for missing classes.

The twins came back early from their year of study in Japan to join Skiles' husband, Barry, and two younger siblings, Dorothy and Chris, at their mother's graduation from Mary Baldwin College in May — where she was honored as the outstanding ADP student of the year.

"Because she was so good, we began to judge her work as if she was already a graduate student," said Ann Alexander, professor of history and director of MBC's regional center in Roanoke. "Her natural ability as a teacher and her skill in critiquing other students' work shined in the classroom."

Skiles graduated cum laude with distinction in her major, but now that she has her degree, she's not willing to stop there. She applied for a master's program in history at Virginia Tech, where she hopes to continue the research on southern Presbyterian women missionaries that she started as her senior project at Mary Baldwin. Her ultimate goal is to earn a Ph.D. and teach at the college level — with the full realization that she will just be starting her professorial career at an age when many are contemplating retirement.

"I'm just trying to be patient about it," Skiles said.

In the meantime, she has plenty to keep her busy on the 80-acre farm in the mountains of Floyd County where the family raises about 20 head of beef cattle and assorted chickens and goats. "We love living in a place where it takes 25 minutes to get to a 'real' town, but it doesn't present a lot of options for higher education," she said. "Mary Baldwin met me where I was, and now my goals can become a reality."

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class notes

1928

LOUISE JACKSON Stewart of Winston-Salem NC writes: "I am 96 and living in an assisted living establishment. I've been retired for 35 years (41 years in education, including three in the US Navy)."

DOROTHY MILLER Campbell of Bethlehem PA celebrated her 97th birthday May 22, 2004. She writes: "Still fairly active. I live with my beautiful Schnauzer, Pinocchio."

MARGARET PATTERSON Mack of Harrisonburg VA writes: "I'm still afoot at 98! I visit with Martha Grafton every week."

1933

MARY SCANLON McCallie resides in a retirement home in Signal Mount TN.

1935

ROSANNAH MILAM Huff of Media PA reports that son Colonel Reid Huff is retired and daughter Louise Armitage works for the City of Fairfax VA.

1936

HELEN WADE Dantzler of Macon GA writes: "Due to age, I cannot take hills and stairs. My date of birth is August 3, 1914."

SARAH "DUDLEY" WHITMORE Ricks of Spartanburg SC writes: "My husband had a stroke. I'm staying with daughter **NORWOOD DUDLEY RICKS Strasburger '75** and spend every day, all day with my husband at White Oak Estates."

1938

DOROTHY COHEN Silverman of Melville NY reports that her grandchildren are getting married and great-grandchildren are being born. She and husband Eliot celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in August. Dorothy writes: "Life is good!"

ADELE "DELL" GOOCH Kiessling of Staunton VA writes: "I'm somewhat handicapped with a walker, but get about rather well considering I've had two broken hips and one broken leg (tibia). I live in an independent living retirement community."

LELIA HUYETT White of Charlestown WV keeps in touch with **JUNE TROUT Harris '39** of Gastonia NC. She writes: "I'm still playing golf, reading a lot, and playing duplicate bridge."

1939

MAXINE DUNLAP McIntyre of Clio SC writes: "My husband died in 1995, and I still live in our home in Clio. My three children and three granddaughters live close by in Florence SC, Columbia SC, and Charlotte NC."

MYRTLE FOY Hennis of Mt. Airy NC writes: "Old age! Classmates **ELIZABETH "LIB" BANNER Hudgins**, **MARGARET "CALDY" CALDWELL Herndon**, and **ELIZABETH "BETTY" GRONEMEYER Wise** and I are still keeping in contact and loving every minute."

1940

ELLEN NICHOLSON Williams of Laurens SC has five granddaughters and one great-grandson.

JEAN BAUM Mair of Bloomfield CT was presented with a Grafton Society Medallion by Judith Payne Grey '65 in July.

1941

MARJORIE CARTER Lacy of Waco TX writes: "I've been married to Roane for 60 years. We have six grandchildren (one in Iraq) and two great-granddaughters. Three of my grandchildren attend Washington & Lee University."

LOUISE KINKEL Boehmke of Saratoga Springs NY says that daughter Carolyn took early retirement and is living with her. Louise writes: "Her companionship has brightened my life."

1942

BETTY BAILEY Hall and husband Adin of Austin TX celebrated their 61st anniversary March 6, 2004, and Adin's 85th birthday March 15. She writes: "We're still hanging in there. We enjoy life in Westminster Manor, a retirement center with many interesting people and lots of activity."

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CREATED

As a capstone to decades of support of education at Mary Baldwin College, **Joyce Albright Grieg-Denis '41** has made sure that her contributions will continue after her recent death. Some years ago, she set up a charitable remainder trust — a fund that pays a percentage of income for a specified time period or until death, at which time the remainder of the investment goes to an organization of choice. The funds in Greig-Davis' trust will be used to establish the Joyce Brewster Albright Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need.

An ambitious student herself, Greig-Davis was yearbook editor of *Bluestocking*, art editor of the college's literary magazine *Miscellany*, a member of the art club and the honor society, and a May Queen attendant during her years at MBC. Greig-Denis faithfully supported the MBC Annual Fund beginning shortly after her graduation, and also served as class secretary — the officer in charge of submitting news to the *Alumnae Bulletin* — for a few years in the 1960s. In an example of her ongoing support, when asked to make a contribution to her favorite organization in lieu of a wedding gift for her daughter, she chose Mary Baldwin.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of so many of our alumnae/i. If you would like to know more about support options, such as charitable remainder trusts, please feel free to contact Martha Masters at (540) 887-7233 for more information.

JEAN BAUM MAIR '40 was presented with her Grafton Society Medallion in July. She is shown here, center, with **JUDITH PAYNE GREY '65, left, and MARY ANN APPLEBY MARCHIO '64, right**.

KENT MCCLANAHAN '02 ADP (l) of Glen Allen VA earned an executive MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University and celebrated her graduation with **JENNIFER TAYLOR '95** (r), who earned the same degree.

MARY BARTENSTEIN Faulkner of Fredericksburg VA received the Woman of the Year Award from the Fredericksburg Woman's Club in April. Mary was honored for her many years of outstanding community service to area residents (teenagers to senior citizens). She serves as membership chairman of the Interfaith Community Council and is quoted in her 2002 oral history recorded by the Historical Fredericksburg Foundation as saying: "I believe that God is love. We need to become one world of people who care for each other in our different ways. You can't lose when you try to love people."

ANNE HAYES Davis of Greensboro NC writes: "By Christmas, we will have 13 great-grandchildren and 10 grandchildren. John Davis and I have been married five years and still feel like newlyweds. We are very happy."

ELEANOR JAMISON Supple of Staunton VA writes: "I miss seeing classmates from 1942 at MBC events. The Continuing Education weekend was fun and enlightening — an opportunity to become acquainted with faculty and the college in 2004. **LESLIE SYRON '42** and I enjoyed the exciting events of Dr. Fox's inauguration."

ELIZABETH "BETTY" MCGRATH Anthony of Isle of Palms SC writes: "This year my husband David and I are celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary. We spend our time between our homes on the Isle of Palms and in the mountains of North Carolina. We look forward to a move to Lake Adger near Tryon NC."

LESLIE SYRON of Raleigh NC received the 2004 Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award from St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Raleigh.

1943

DOROTHY HUNDLEY Neale of Danville KY stays busy with church, concerts and programs, a garden club, bridge, children, and grandchildren.

MEREDITH JONES Johnson of Warren PA became a great-grandmother for the second time. She writes: "Time flies. My oldest son, 44, died in October. I fell and spent six weeks in bed, but all is going well now."

RUTH PETERS Sproul of Staunton VA writes: "We have a quiet, pleasant life at this age. Erskine is blind and lives on recorded books. I belong to two book clubs, teach a Bible class, and paint. Love watching our family grow — two great-grandchildren and two on the way!"

1945

ANNE CHURCHMAN Brown of Lexington VA writes. "Kendal at Lexington is a retirement community I've lived here for two years and love it. It's a wonderful and stimulating place."

JEAN GRIFFITH Mitchell of Frankfort KY writes. "Our beloved son Craig T. Mitchell died of cancer September 11, 2003. I'm sorry to miss the reunion. I would love to have a Grafton medallion."

NANCY NETTLETON Rood of Trumbull CT writes. "Ken and I are slowed down by arthritis, but I'm still volunteering with church, second-grade school children, the Boys & Girls Club, and as a reader at Trumbull Public Library. My daughter and granddaughter live nearby."

JULIA "TEE" PANCAKE Rankin of Cramerton NC reports that she and husband Richard moved into an assisted living facility two years ago.

DARCY SCUDDER Kirk of Andover MA writes: "I still live on my farm in Andover and do volunteer work at my church and local historical society. I have five grandchildren. I travel a lot — to the Galapagos Islands last year and to Bermuda this year. Come visit."

ANNE SIMS Smith of Staunton VA reports that husband McKelden Smith died in December 2003.

1946

MARY GOODRICH Baskin of San Antonio TX reports that husband James died in August 2003. Mary and James were married 57 years.

BILLIE JOSEPH Ameen of Houston TX reports that granddaughter Alison, daughter of **TINA AMEEN Cartwright '74**, married Craig Sykes and is doing graduate work at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

HELEN MINTEER Denslow of Lombard IL writes. "We've now lived at Beacon Hill Retirement Community for three years. It's a wonderful place that meets our every need. Hard to believe we're both in our eighties. We're still vertical though and able to enjoy life."

JOAN MORAN Smith of Farmville NC has two grandchildren in college; Andrew Smith, a senior at Clemson University and Mary Beth Smith, a junior at East Carolina University.

VELMA "KANDY" NEWBILL Booth of Meridian MS writes: "Just enjoying my grandchildren and having my son live with me."

1947

NAN DONEY Clausel of San Antonio TX writes. "My granddaughter came to live with me this year and attends college here. Her family is in Minneapolis. She says she loves Texas and wants to stay. I'm enjoying her so much."

ROSEMARY KEARFOTT Bralley of Alpharetta GA reports that daughter **SANDRA BRALLEY Billingsley '84** is a grandmother of twins. Rosemary writes: "I always wanted to have twins. Finally, my granddaughter Sue presented us with twins!"

SALLY PECK Spaulding moved from Cortland NY to "a beautiful retirement community" in Charlottesville VA in June.

HARRY LEE THOMPSON Billington of Franklin TN writes: "Life goes on at a fast pace for me. My life in Franklin is busy and I spend my summers at Monteagle Sunday School Assembly."

F. ELIZABETH "LIBBY" WALSH Read of Chapel Hill NC was featured in *The Herald-Sun* in Durham for her 30 years of service to Orange County. Libby was recognized as a volunteer for the Inter-Faith Council and for her lifetime commitment to protecting and improving the members of her community through volunteerism and lobbying for important public safety legislation. "It's the only thing that makes me feel whole," she said about her dedication to service. The IFC provides shelter, food, advocacy and support for those in need through the partnership of staff members, volunteers, congregations and community coalitions.

MYRNA WILLIAMS Vest of Wilmington DE annually spends January through mid-April in Fort Lauderdale FL.

1948

ELIZABETH BLANCHARD Podesta of Rocky Mount NC writes: "Shelley Murray's daughter is a sophomore at U.Va. and son Thomas graduated from high school in June. They are my oldest grandchildren and there are eight following."

ANNE CRONIN Keith of Melbourne FL writes: "Living the 'retired good life' in sunny Florida with my husband of 56 years. I've volunteered as a hospital courier for 14 years."

JEAN WALLACE Blount and Chapin SC writes: "Bill and I moved to a wonderful retirement community in Chapin (we still use our post office box in Irmo for mail). We are enjoying our freedom from yard and house work!"

1949

CYNTHIA BETTS Johnson of Pleasant Hill TN writes: "Forrest and I moved to Uplands Retirement Community here in Pleasant Hill. There are people here who remember Miss Lakenan. We're returning to New Zealand this fall for several months."

MARY DUKE Blouin writes: "My husband Peter passed away last year. I'm still in Naples FL for the winter and Augusta ME for the summer. My sister **GLORIA DUKE Trigg '47** and I see a lot of each other during the year."

EMILY OGBURN Doak of Greeneville TN writes: "I'm still volunteering but perhaps the most rewarding is what I do for the American Cancer Society's 'Reach to Recovery' and 'Look Good, Feel Better' programs. I see **MARGARET "MAGGIE" CLARKE Kirk '48** when I go to Duke for check-ups."

ELIZABETH "IBBY" RAWLS Macklin of Richmond VA writes: "My dear cousin **NANCY RAWLS Watson '49** of Franklin VA died February 17, 2004. We grew up together and, I tell you, I miss her very, very much. She was loved by everyone who knew her. She was indeed special! God bless you all."

ELIZABETH "LIB" USHER Laffitte and husband Ralph of Estill SC celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in May. She writes: "We have nine wonderful grandchildren, ages 8–26."

1950

JEANNE "BUNNY" ASHBY Furrh of Franklin VA moved into a retirement home two years ago. She writes: "It is ideal and perfect for parking. I expect to see **VIRGINIA "GINI" ROSE Hagee '50** this fall. **MARTHA GODWIN Saunders '48** came over for lunch in May. I loved seeing her."

GWENDOLYN "GWEN" PARK Kelly of Thomasville GA writes: "Mother and I love our condo and being back in town. The country was great, but the town is much better. Mother was 99 in April and still plays bridge three times a week."

BESS PLAXCO Smith of Greenville SC writes: "I'm feeling settled into my new townhouse in Greenville and am enjoying family and 'new' church friends. I'm also teaching while I still can. This year I did a cruise tour from Buenos Aires to Santiago, Chile via Cape Horn. I also did an Elderhostel in Sedona AR."

KATE SCOTT Jacob of Onancock VA writes: "My husband and I still live in the same house in the same town. I see **CLARA JANE BURROUGHS McFarlin '50** each winter and see **ANITA THEE Graham '50** often. I'm still active as president of the Eastern Shore Historical Society and as building and grounds chair at church."

PENNIE WEST Covington of Atlanta GA writes: "I have a new knee and am glad that is over. Our son Matthew is now at the Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green KY and son Read teaches math here in Georgia."

MARGARET WILSON Wood of Charlottesville VA "thoroughly enjoyed" the Continuing Education weekend last March. She writes: "It was a wonderful change of pace and I highly recommend it."

1951

PATRICIA ANDREW Goodson of Newport News VA traveled to Panama and Costa Rica with her family in February. She attended the MBC Continuing Education weekend in March with classmate **MARIETTA BARNES Jones**, and spent the summer helping plan the August wedding of daughter Patricia in Prague, Czech Republic.

MARGARET BAUGH Carroll of Staunton VA retired from teaching after 45 years in the classroom. She also retired from her position as church organist.

LILIAN BEDINGER Taylor of Washington DC writes: "Our son Tom graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in May. He'll move to Portland OR for his residency at Oregon Health & Science University with his wife Kris and son Jamie. It has been a joy having them across town for four years!"

OUIDA CALDWELL Davis of White Sulphur Springs WV writes: "My husband Jim died March 4, 2004. We had been married almost 54 years. I have a granddaughter who is a senior at Washington University. My second granddaughter graduated from St. Mark's School in Southborough MA and is attending Tufts University. I have five granddaughters."

1952

RUTH HARRISON Quillen of Waynesboro VA writes: "Ray and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary June 26, 2004. We took a trip to Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, etc. We've already been everywhere else!"

EMILY MITCHELL Williamson of Advance NC reports that son-in-law Jay Helvey is running for U.S. Congress to represent the fifth district in North Carolina. Emily and her family have devoted much time helping with his campaign.

PATRICIA "PATSY" MURPHEY Whitman of Stamford CT has two new granddaughters, making a total of seven grandchildren (six girls and one boy). She says that PMW Gallery continues to flourish.

ANNE PERSON Baylor of Norfolk VA reports that husband Elmore died in August 2003. She writes: "I keep really busy with organizations, church, volunteering at the Chrysler Museum and painting. Mostly, I love baby-sitting my four grandchildren ranging in age from 9 months to 6 years. Each of my girls has two children and both live in this area."

1953

MARGARET GARRETT Corsa of Walnut Creek CA reports that husband Richard T. "Dick" Corsa died in November 2003.

JEANNE SHERRILL Boggs of Statesville NC writes: "Bob and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary November 28, 2003. Our four children and their families honored us with a lovely reception."

MARY JO SHILLING Shannon of Roanoke VA writes: "Harry and I attended our first Elderhostel in Spain during October 2003. It was a wonderful experience. I continue to write articles and poetry for devotional and church educational magazines. I am sorry I wasn't able to attend Homecoming in May. My church sent me to Charlotte for training as a Disciple teacher. My best wishes to all of you."

1954

ESTELLA EASON Surratt of Winston-Salem NC has three married daughters and two grandsons. She writes: "My husband is still practicing law. I'm still playing tennis, bridge, and traveling a lot. We plan to build a new home."

BETTY GARRETT Schmidt of Dothan GA enjoyed visiting with former roommate **IRENE JOHNSON Cherry '54** in Silver Springs MD in April.

CONSTANCE "CONNIE" HEADAPOHL DeBerardinis of Athens OH was excited to attend her 50th

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class reunion in May. She writes, "How has the time gone by so quickly?"

IRENE JOHNSON Cherry of Silver Spring MD writes: "My husband Abe died suddenly March 16, 2004, and I had hip surgery in June. I'm sorry to have missed the reunion."

ANN JOLLIT Gaskin of Pontre Vedra Beach FL writes, "Completely retired and have six 'grands.' Just enjoying each day walking the beach — just the sandpipers, seagulls and me. Also taking a few trips."

MARY LEWIS of Pittsburgh PA traveled to Denmark in May for her granddaughter's confirmation. She writes, "Now I have a new granddaughter, Aliya, who has a brother, Jackson, 2."

KITTY MCCONNELL Henninger of Abingdon VA writes, "Due to one of our sons getting married at the same time as our 50th reunion, I was unable to attend. I hope all who attended had a wonderful time and enjoyed every minute! Wish I could have made it."

CAROLYN MCGEORGE Henslee of Little Rock AR has nine grandchildren, including a recent graduate of Baylor University in Waco TX. The newest grandchild is 11 months and was adopted in Guatemala by Carolyn's daughter who lives in Arizona.

AUDREY PEPPER Oliver of Landrum SC stays busy with the development and beatification of downtown Landrum and has begun her second four-year term on city council. She writes: "Jim, the three children and two grandsons are fine. One is joining the Navy!"

ANN ROBINSON Brown of Birmingham AL is retired and enjoys "traveling, loafing and trying to do a little writing."

ANN SHAW Miller of Raleigh NC writes, "Our 50th reunion was wonderful! I'm ready to do it again next year."

ANN WILSON Wesley of Mobile AL reports that she has a new granddaughter and grandson.

1955

PAULINE "HOPE" WHITE Williams of Birmingham AL reports that husband Charles Molton Williams, W&M '52, died January 6, 2004, after a two-year battle with myelodysplastic syndrome. Hope and Charles were married October 19, 1954

1956

SUSAN DOZIER Grotz of Ellicott City MD writes: "Art and I have turned into 'snowbirds' aboard our sail boat and enjoy cruising the ICW, Florida's east and west coasts, and the Keys. It's great fun connecting with friends and fellow MBC alums along the way."

ELEANOR REYNOLDS Henderson of Winter Haven FL writes: "In February, I had a wonderful cruise in the Caribbean on the Royal Clipper with Mary Baldwin classmates **ELIZABETH "BETTY" BOYER Bullock**, **SUSAN "SUE" DOZIER Grotz** and her husband Art, and **MARY "SUSIE" PRIESTMAN Bryan**. What a good time we had!"

1957

VIRGINIA "BOO" DILLON Gorman of Montgomery AL writes, "Cancer survivor! But now have handicapped parking because my legs don't work right. Son Jeff and his family moved to Auburn AL from Charlotte NC. I'm a great-grandmom of two."

JANE HOGAN Moses of Corrales NM traveled to London, England in early fall 2003 and enjoyed visiting "all the wonderful sites." She writes: "Curt and I continue to enjoy traveling and spending time with our four children and five grandchildren. I'm still doing a great deal of needlework and enjoy teaching and taking classes, while Curt has a great time flying the two ultra light planes he built. We definitely recommend retirement."

1958

BARBARA ALLAN Hite of Norfolk VA writes: "I'm teaching developmental English at Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth. Two of my three children also teach, one in Germany and one in Bahrain."

JANICE "JAN" GREGORY Belcher of Seaford DE stays busy keeping up with her three granddaughter's activities. She enjoys playing tennis, golf and serving of the board of governors at her local country club.

PATRICIA "PAT" SPHAR of Pittsburgh PA volunteers at two dog shelters and likes gardening.

LYDIA WOODS Peale of Palmyra VA is "happily retired" after 30 years of teaching. She enjoys traveling, reading, volunteering and singing.

1959

SANDRA ESQUIVEL Snyder of Dallas TX writes: "My husband Bill is still a full-time surgeon at University of Texas Southwestern Health Science Center. My volunteer activities are related to children's education and healthcare. We delight in our two grandsons who live close by and in spending time in our new home in Estes Park CO."

LYNNE FOSTER Matthews of Mary Esther FL writes: "My husband retired in 1994. We love to travel a lot — to Europe at least once a year along with two snow skiing trips. Our son and his family live in New Hope PA, so we enjoy a fall trip to see the leaves. We still follow Alabama and Auburn University football. Our daughter and her family live within minutes of us and we really do enjoy their almost constant 'in and out' of our home. We're busy, busy, but we love it! We feel very blessed and most grateful that we can still 'do it all!'"

ELIZA WILLIAMS Hoover of Harrisonburg VA writes, "Back into a little law. Enjoying painting and leading contemplative movement sessions."

1960

MARY "MIMI" COWAN Grimshaw of Clifton VA continues to be actively involved with her church, as co-chair of the women of the church, the altar guild, bell choir, and Stephen's Ministry. She also enjoys gardening and visiting with her grandchildren.

1961

MARY NELL WILLIAMS Mathis of Austin TX writes: "A dear little girl, the first grandchild, has me re-ordering priorities."

CAROL WORNOM Sorensen of Williamsburg VA writes: "Six ladies recently took a trip to Atlanta — what a blast. To have girlfriends that are good friends is the greatest! MBC taught me that and tons more."

1962

PHYLLIS "JEAN" BOONE Hill of Gainesville GA sold her company and retired in January. She writes: "Am I the first great-grandmother in our class?"

SHIRLEY FILE Robbins of Richmond VA adopted a 12-year-old Hispanic boy with special needs.

ELIZABETH "BETSY" SCOTT Featherstone of Richmond VA writes, "I now have five grandchildren, two of whom I care for daily. Starting over with carpools, class plays, sports, etc.!"

CAROL WHEELER Stevenson of Charlottesville VA celebrated the birth of her first grandchild (a girl) in January.

1963

ANN BOOKER Darst of Williamsburg VA welcomed the birth of two grandsons this year.

JOANN BROWN Morton and husband Ashby of Columbia SC both retired from university teaching last summer. Joann writes: "I'm still doing professional writing and research. Ashby and I are splitting time between our summer/fall home in Maine and our winter/spring home in Columbia."

MARGARET "PEGGY" ENGLE Trumbo of Alexandria VA writes: "Son Hunter and his family are in Alexandria and son Raleigh is newly married and moving to our neighborhood. Life doesn't get any better than this!"

PATRICIA "PAT" FISHER McHold of Annapolis MD writes: "I'm chairing a committee that is designing a rug made from flowers for the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C."

LYNNE FOBES Marion of Scottsdale AZ participated in a church choir tour to Italy in June that included a side trip to the French countryside.

CARYN FOGARTY Tebbe of Houston TX writes: "We have 13 grandchildren. I'm running C'est Caryn Travel with an emphasis on cruises and customized luxury travel."

ANN "TERRY" GEGGIE Fridley of Covington VA retired June 30, 2004, after 27 years as director of the gifted program for Alleghany County Schools.

CAROLYN HALDEMAN Hawkins of Hampton VA enjoyed seeing some of her classmates while attending Mary Baldwin's Continuing Education weekend.

ELEANOR "MICKEY" MCCOWN Robideau of Lewisville NC writes "Phil and I moved to a cluster home community. Our three daughters, their husbands and children still live nearby. The birth of two new granddaughters this winter brought our count to six (three boys and three girls)!"

SUSAN SALE Luck of Severna Park MD writes, "I have a new grandson named James Griffin Dolan Millham, who lives in San Francisco. I am 'burning up the skies!'"

LYNETTE "LYN" WARNER Shiver of Cummings GA writes: "I'm a school counselor in a new middle school and love my job. After grading language arts papers for years, it's a breath of fresh air to have new duties and responsibilities!"

1964

KAREN APPLEBY Baughan of Luray VA is retired and continues to write and publish poetry.

BETTY BARNES Pigg of Bassett VA serves on the boards of the Keesee Educational Foundation, American Red Cross, Piedmont Arts Association, and Bassett Country Club. She is also co-chair of the Peforming Arts Series in Martinsville-Henry County. Betty writes, "I'm sorry to have missed the reunion in May. I'm expecting my first grandchild in September!"

HELEN DOWNIE Harrison of Little Rock AR enjoys being a grandmother to Harrison, 5, and Helen, 2.

JUDITH "JUDY" FLOETER Ford of Dawsonville GA has two granddaughters (by son John) who live in Colorado. Son Stewart and his wife live in Savannah GA.

FAIRFAX HARDESTY Montgomery of Starkville MS loves playing with her two-year-old grandson.

ANN HIGGINS McWhirter of Columbus GA says she's enjoying life with her husband and three grandchildren.

MARY KERR Denny of San Antonio TX took a study trip to Egypt in the spring. It was her fourth trip to a Middle Eastern country in the past four years. Previous travels included Yemen, Syria, United Arab Emirates, and Oman.

PATRICIA "PATTY" MARTIN Boling of Seale AL received her master's of science in mathematics in December 1992 and earned her Ph.D. in mathematics in June 1997 from Auburn University.

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Fort Smith AR writes: "Forty years? Impossible! What fun it would have been to return to Staunton and reconnect with old friends! Four (almost five) grandchildren, my husband's busy schedule and my 90-year-old mother keep me on the go — hence my grandmother name, 'Gogo.'"

NANCY NELSON Spencer of Groton VT writes: "We retired to our home on Groton Pond in Vermont. After three winters, we are beginning to feel like natives. Our four grandchildren are frequent visitors to Camp Big Fern!"

ANNE NIMMO Dixon of Roanoke VA loves visiting with her three grandchildren: James, 4, Elizabeth, 2, and William, 1.

SANDRA OZMUN McDaniel of Arlington TX retired from her work in medical technology, as a Title Company closer, and as a high school athletic secretary. She now works in children's ministry for her church and as a scholarship advisor for P.E.O. She writes: "My husband retired from Kmart, so we travel to see grandkids in Ohio and Lubbock and Amarillo, Texas. We also take trips to Alaska, England, and Ireland."

ANN QUINLEN Harris of Memphis TN is busy working on a new cookbook being compiled by the Woman's Exchange of Memphis. She writes: "We were on a fast track, so that's why I couldn't be there for the reunion. I'm also keeping up with my son, a senior at Auburn University and sports editor of *The Auburn Plainsman*!"

SUSAN THOMPSON Timmons of Forest VA is a steering committee member of LEAD Virginia, working to develop a new statewide leadership program. She writes: "All's well with Tim, the kids and grandkids."

1965

CAROL EMORY writes: "Last year, I 'downsized' to a townhouse on the Columbia River Channel in the unique Bridgeton Road neighborhood of Portland OR, a water-oriented area with a delightful view of live-aboard boats, cozy remodeled houses and attractive floating homes. I enjoy walking my dogs along a grassy levee by my place and past Blue Frog Marina where I keep a fishing boat. Last fall, I started chatting in passing with another woman who daily walked a beautiful black lab named Fiona that looked much like my Duchess. We said 'hello' and talked about the dogs. We passed, waved and said 'hello' all through autumn and an icy winter. On balmy Easter Sunday, just after I returned from President Fox's inauguration, we ran into each other again. This time, the weather being conducive to chat, I mentioned having just returned from Virginia. She said she went to school there. In the next moments we realized that we both went to Mary Baldwin, and at the same time, I realized I was talking with **CECILIA "SAM" BURRUS McGarrity '67** Serendipity and coincidence. In retrospect, we both sensed something 'comfortable' about each other from our first meeting. Neither of us originated here. We have made separate careers; Sam in publishing in New York and I in law in California, Europe and Oregon, now to find that we have settled one block away from each other in a relatively unknown Pacific NW boater's haven. Sam's mother **CECILIA GROVE Burrus '34**, grandmother **CECILIA PAYNE Grove 1908**, and great-grandmother also attended Mary Baldwin. Her mother, Sam and I plan to have a mini-reunion soon. We will send a picture for sure!"

MARGARET GUNTER Riddle of Asheville NC writes: "I'm two years cancer-free and fully recovered. I enjoy singing in choir and with the Asheville Symphony Chorus, photography, travel to Europe and the American West, studying French, and living in beautiful Asheville."

MARGARET HOGENAUER McCormick of Acme MI writes: "I'm kept up-to-date with what's new at MBC from my former roommate **JUDITH "JUDY" PAYNE Grey '65** I'm so delighted she's working for the college!"

BETTY HUGHES Walton of Austin TX writes: "We have seven beautiful grandchildren. Mike is a professor of civil engineering at the University of Texas-Austin. We have a summer home in Lake Lure NC. Look us up in Austin or Lake Lure."

EMMA "EMY" MARTIN Halpert of Philadelphia PA had lunch outside of Philadelphia last December with Mary Baldwin friends **KATHERINE "KAY" EARLY Dougherty '65, JUNE EARLY Fraim '65, JUDITH "JUDY" PAYNE Grey '65,** and **BESS ALEXANDER Johnson '64**

ELIZABETH "BETTY" MATTHEWS Morgan of Wallingford VT served on several committees to hire a new organist and priest for her church. Elizabeth is president of a home for elderly women (that originated as a home for widows of Union soldiers) and enjoys teaching rug hooking.

1966

LUDMILLA "TINA" BRATINA Burns of Shepherdstown WV enjoyed a "reunion trip" to Spain in April with friends of the college Serita Spadoni, Elizabeth "Bee Jee" Juhnke, and alumna **M. ELIZABETH "BETTY" SWOPE '66**. Tina writes: "Serita, Julie Rawson and I were in subsequent Middleburg Masters and Bee Jee Juhnke and I lived together in Madrid."

VIRGINIA "GIN" GONDER O'Neill of Nags Head NC writes: "I'm enjoying being part of the Master Gardeners in Dare County. Life is good."

SANDRA "SANDY" LENNON Price of Wilmington NC visits with daughter **ALESANDRA PRICE '02** in Raleigh as often as possible. She also says she loves playing with granddaughter Victoria, 2, who belongs to son Jim and his wife Suzanne of Wilmington. Sandy and husband Jim purchased a home in Wintergreen this year.

CLAIRE STERN Kaufman of Saint Louis MO writes: "I have five granddaughters ranging in age from 6 months to 6 years. They are the joy of my life. I recently completed a term as president of Temple Emanuel. It was hard work but very rewarding. Husband Lee is producing a play, George Gershwin Alone, scheduled to open in Chicago this fall. It's a one man show with music and has had successful runs in New York City, Los Angeles, D.C., Boston, Florida and Philadelphia. It just came from London's West End and we're very proud of it — please see it if you are in Chicago this fall. We still call St Louis home as do our children, for the time being."

PAMELA "PAM" WAVELL Clark of Coleman GA writes: "After raising three daughters, I now have a grandson, born September 25, 2002. My husband Paul and I are raising Tennessee walking horses on our farm in southwest Georgia. We bought a condo in Corpus Christi so we can visit with my family and friends often. We do a lot of traveling, as we have children in San Diego, San Antonio and Washington, D.C., but we love to come home to the farm!"

1967

MARGARET ALLEN Palmer of Nashville TN writes, "Our son Stokes married in August. While in Dallas for a party, I visited with **ANN "PEGGY" ANDERSON Carr '67**. Our daughter Elizabeth is in her second year at NYU, working towards an MBA. Life is busy!"

MARGARET "RHETT" CUTHBERT Campbell of Gilbert SC reports that first grandson Kai Micheal James Sloan was born March 16, 2004, in Seattle WA.

CHERYL DINWIDDIE Andre of Stamford CT continues to work as a middle school media specialist. She writes: "This year, we're adding Web design and Photoshop to our teaching. Still like the reading best! I love to travel and have taken up golf. Our sons live in Maine and Florida, and I hope to retire in two years."

MARGARET "PEGGY" MADDEX Barnes of Greenville NC writes: "Three new grandchildren were born in 2004. That makes a total of five, all under five years of age. I am still working but hope to retire in 2006 after 38 years as a hospital pharmacist."

KATHARINE "KAY" SAFFOLD Arnold of Savannah GA is enjoying life with new husband Dr. Hugh M. Arnold, who holds a Ph.D. in political science.

MARGARET "PEGGY" WEAVER Crosson of Fincastle VA writes: "After 26 years in corporate healthcare, I retired in 2003. I ran for a locally elected position on the board of supervisors for Botetourt County and lost by 50 votes. Nevertheless, a wonderful experience. I'm now working part time as the first executive director for Historic Fincastle, Inc. and am having a blast! My main passion though, is grandson Jack, 1, who lives in Charlotte. Both children (Carr and Tyson) are happy and productive. Carr and her husband live in Charlotte and Tyson lives in Lake Tahoe CA."

1968

BARBARA "BARBY" BROWN Bowles of Oakton VA writes: "Richard and I still live in Oakton. He has a family practice in Centreville. Our oldest daughter **ELIZABETH "BETH" BOWLES Duchanaud '92** and her husband live in New York City. Our daugher Robin and her husband live in Oakton, and our youngest daughter Anne lives at home when she's not performing in an out-of-town play."

V. PATRICE "PAT" CAMPBELL of Staunton VA writes: "My husband's daughter Kate and her fiancé planned a beautiful wedding that took place in an 18th century mansion located in Clinton MD in May 2003. Kate and Mark are archivists for the U.S. National Archives."

REBECCA CHAPMAN Williams of Greenville VA announces the June 26th marriage of youngest son Chapman to Breanne Weisenburger. Both Chapman and Breanne graduated from Virginia Tech in May 2003. Rebecca also reports that oldest child Elizabeth is engaged to be married.

SHARON KNOPP Bares of Asheville NC is a professional storyteller who is involved in adult literacy tutoring, Toastmasters International, and as a Guardian ad Litem. She and husband Lee, soon to retire as professor of chemistry at UNC-Asheville, have been appointed assistant general chairmen of the 56th National Square Dance Convention to be held in Charlotte NC in 2007.

CAROLYN "CAMMY" MARTIN Bryan of Richmond VA says that both children are married: Alethea lives in Chapel Hill NC with her husband Glenn; Charles and Angela live in Richmond. Cammy writes: "My husband Charlie was diagnosed with Parkinson's this spring. We are adjusting to our new situation. He continues to work as president and CEO of the Virginia Historical Society."

JANET PARRISH Harris of Burke VA reports that both sons graduated from VMI and are working as government contract consultants for IBM. Janet continues to teach French at Episcopal High School and took 13 students to France in June.

ELIZABETH "BETS" ROPER Golden of Auburn AL has her own Christian counseling practice.

MARY "CATHY" TURNER Temple of Richmond VA reports that daughter Maggie graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in fashion merchandising and daughter Katie attends UVA. She writes: "I thought we had an empty nest until Riley, Maggie's four-legged college friend, came to live with us. I'm trying to be more independent and spend time in Highlands NC."

VIRGINIA WATSON Bernard of Littleton NC writes: "Both daughters got married last summer and I'm now a grandma for the first time — it's great! I'll start telling my precious new granddaughter about MBC very soon!"

1969

JULIE BALDWIN Montgomery of Santa Rosa CA continues her work as a licensed clinical social worker with the seriously mentally ill.

JANE CARTER Vaughan of Lynchburg VA was excited to attend her reunion in May. She writes: "I've been enjoying painting, especially in workshops. Since 1989, I have been cancer-free!"

LYNDA CULLOP Lawrence of Oregonia OH writes: "My husband retired in July 2003, and we currently have 'one and three-fourths grandchildren.' We traveled to Egypt in January."

MARY ANN FEIL Morris of Columbus GA now works for the Georgia Pre-K Program. Both sons graduated from the University of Georgia, and she has two grandchildren, ages 1 and 3.

MIRIAM "MIMI" JONES Beckwith of Gloucester Point VA is the annual fund and volunteer coordinator for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

JENNIFER KING of Eugene OR is the regional development director for the University of Oregon, whose territory is southern California. She writes: "Traveling to Los Angeles five days each month and living in Oregon is an ideal balance. My three children are now wonderful adults."

LAURA MCLAUGHLIN Crum is a realtor in Jacksonville FL. She writes: "I live and work in the historic district and have represented Jacksonville at our sister city Nantes, France, where four from our class spent their junior year! Small world."

LINDLEY MOFFETT Small of Atlanta GA writes: "I left teaching last summer and now enjoy time to travel, garden, read and reconnect with longtime friends. I truly miss my high school English students, but I do not miss the paperwork! Our three sons are grown: Alex, 25, is an investment banker here with Morgan Stanley, Taylor is a marketing manager with MedFusion in Raleigh NC, and Stuart is a student at U.Va.."

KATHARINE "LANE" PARKER of Cibolo TX writes. "I've slowed down my work schedule and am healthier and happier!"

KATHERINE QUILLIAN Solberg of Hamilton MT writes: "My husband Terry and I are both retired, though I still do occasional consulting in human resources. We do a lot of traveling in our luxery motorcoach — a Prevost bus, just like the rock stars!"

CORRIE SMITH Sargeant and husband Rowell of Edmond OK have four married children and three grandchildren. Two sons are Marine Corps officers, Clayton, who served in Iraq last year, and Scott, who is currently in Iraq. Corrie writes: "I'm enjoying hospice nursing and am now involved in staff development and coordinating the quality assurance program."

JUDITH "J." WADE of Atlanta GA writes: "After taking yoga for over 25 years, I'm training to teach it. I had a mini-reunion at 'Chez J.' with **TRAVIS REUTZEL Lee '70**, **JO ANN HOFFMAN Jay '70**, and **MARY 'M.G.' HALSEY-Tyda '69**."

MARY WARD of Catharpin VA writes: "I retired in late 2002 and am loving it. I serve on the session at my church and keep busy with my horses and volunteer work."

1970

JEAN BARRY Strain of Dalton GA writes: "After 25 years of dancing and teaching ballet, I hung up my shoes, went back to grad school, and am now a certified educator with the Presbyterian Church (USA), serving in Dalton."

JANET BARTHOLOMEW Altamari of Tomball TX writes. "We love Texas. I play lots of tennis, volunteer as lay chaplain at Methodist Hospital, garden, and keep in touch with old 'roomies' **BARBARA GRIFFIN Wiltshire '70** and **ISABELLE TURNER Knight '70**. Thanks, MBC! From what I can remember, I had a ball — and even learned a thing or two!"

SHARON ELLIS Hinnant is a CPA with a large local firm in Charleston SC where she resides with husband Buddy, a "semi-retired" dentist. Sharon reports that daughter Betsy Crouch is in her third year at the University of Virginia McIntire School

of Commerce and son Tim Crouch is a physician in Florence SC. Tim has three children; ages 5, 3, and 4 months. Sharon says she and Buddy love traveling in the U.S. and abroad.

WHITNEY HANES Feldmann of Roanoke VA continues to teach high school social studies. She reports that husband Mark is still practicing law, daughter Quinn is a lawyer, son Mark, Jr. is a plastic surgery resident, and son Hanes has his real estate license in Charleston SC. She also says that Quinn has "two adorable daughters."

WINFREE HUGHES Segal of Richmond VA reports that son Ben married in 2002, son Jeff graduated from the UVA School of Engineering & Applied Science, and daughter Emily is a junior in high school. Winfree continues to work as a reference librarian for Henrico County.

EMILY MCCLURE Ballard of Beavercreek OH enjoyed visiting her son, daughter-in-law and first grandchild Justine Elizabeth Ballard in Washington, D.C., this year. She writes: "They will leave soon for a two-year assignment in Uzbekistan with the State Department. When not being 'Nanna Em,' I am 'Mom,' helping my daughter, a Ph.D. candidate at Ball State, paint her various apartments!"

1971

LAUREL "LOLLY" CATCHING Anderson of Oklahoma City OK writes: "My husband Mike and I loved New Zealand — a beautiful country with clear blue water and wonderful people. No wonder *Lord of the Rings* was filmed there!"

DORIS FAUBER Strickler of Lexington VA continues to teach art for Buena Vista City Schools. Husband Michael is assistant to the superintendent at VMI, son Matthew graduated from W&L in 2003 and is in graduate school at William & Mary, and daughter Amanda is a sophomore at W&L.

MARY MCCAULEY Greathouse of Versailles KY is delighted to announce her two daughters were both married in the summer of 2003.

NANCY MORSE Evans of Pattison TX continues to work as an oncology registered nurse in Houston. She writes: "I look forward to spending summers at the ranch in North Dakota. We go June through October."

1972

SUSAN ALMOND Smith of Mechanicsville VA retired after 31 years of teaching special education.

ANN BROWN of Asheville NC is a certified nurse midwife, delivering babies at Mission Hospitals in western North Carolina.

BARBARA BUTLER Leonard of Alexandria VA reports that son Charles, 24, works in Charlottesville, son Thomas, 20, is in his third year at USMA, and son Andrew, 18, is a freshman at William & Mary.

CARYN GOVE Long of Lake Helen FL retired from the Air Force Reserve one year ago. She enjoys volunteering at her son's middle school and local library.

JILL KIELY of Columbus OH writes: "In October 2003, I purchased the only other flower shop in the vicinity of the Ohio State University campus. Forty-five thousand students and two campus flower shops leave me little idle time!"

SUSAN OSBOURNE Symmonds of Brooklyn NY continues her employment as a social worker. She reports that younger daughter Erika, who works for Thompson Island Outward Bound in Boston, spent six weeks in Africa, and older daughter Tiana works for Hewlett Packard in Corvallis OR.

LINDA VERNER Smith of Lake Oswego OR writes: "My daughter Lauren graduated from MBC in May. It was a wonderful commencement weekend. Traveling all the way from Oregon was worth it — her grandmother and brother from Washington said the same!"

1973

BERYL BARNES Ierardi of Charlotte NC writes: "I'm working in admissions and international studies at Charlotte Country Day School where I've been for several years. Son Drew works for an investment firm in Washington, D.C., daughter Paige is a junior at Bucknell University, and daughter Annie is in the ninth grade at Charlotte Country Day. I'm glad Cynthia Tyson retired to our beautiful city!"

MARY JANE CONGER of Greensboro NC has been a foster parent for over 12 years, fostering 13 children (one at a time) ages 3–13. She writes: "I never thought I would become a 'forever mom,' but God blessed me with a foster child who became eligible for adoption in October 2003. Melissa, 7, became my adoptive daughter. I'm very excited and a little scared."

PATRICIA GONZALEZ of Amherst MA reports that older son Martin Lewis married in November 2003. She writes: "He and his wife Anna are stationed in San Diego where Martin, a 2002 graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, is a naval officer. My second son Camilo Lewis is a senior at Cornell University, studying religion and East Asian studies. He traveled to China this summer to improve his Chinese."

BARBARA PHILLIPS Truta of Kansas City MD writes: "We moved over the state line from Kansas to Missouri and bought a house built in 1913 that's closer in for city living. We are so excited!"

MARTHA TAYLOR Sutton of Greensboro NC reports that husband David is on sabbatical. The couple traveled with children Ben, 21, and John, 17, to Switzerland for two weeks in June.

1974

PATTY CHITWOOD of Blacksburg VA is assistant director of Schiffert Health Center at Virginia Tech. She reports that oldest daughter Emily is a sophomore atU.Va., daughter Sarah is a freshman at JMU, and son Colin is in ninth grade.

SALLY DILLARD Hauptfuhrer of Atlanta GA reports that daughter Barbara is a senior at Duke University, son Tuck is a junior at Vanderbilt University, and son Lawson graduated from high school this past spring.

JAMIE HEWELL Odrezin of Birmingham AL writes: "I'm still practicing pediatrics and love it. My son Daniel is 17 and busier than his parents. My husband Greg teaches sixth grade math."

BARBARA MITCHELL Sample of Fort Worth TX writes: "I've 'retired' from the investment firm where I worked for 18 years. My daughter Emily, 14, has a nerve disease called RSD that I'm trying to raise awareness of and find successful treatment for."

CAROLINE PRICE-Gibson of Richmond VA reports that son Andrew graduated from high school and now attends American University in Washington, D.C. Son David is a junior in high school.

LISA SLOAN-Levin of Topanga CA is a licensed clinical psychologist in private practice and an adjunct professor at Pacifica Graduate Institute. She writes: "I still involve myself in film and theatre and have a beautiful 19-year-old daughter and a husband who is cute, too!"

SUSAN VANDEVENTER Killingsworth of Virginia Beach VA writes: "My husband and I are missionaries working in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Mexico, Columbia, Peru, and Cuba."

1975

MARTHA DAVIS Shifflett writes: "After 50 years as a 'Roanoker,' my husband and I moved to Harrisonburg VA where I am president of SunTrust."

NANCY NOWAK Insco of St. Joseph MO writes: "Mom to Megan, Matthew and Meredith. Husband Michael is an attorney in private practice. I'd love to start recruitment activities for MBC here in the Greater Kansas City Area and Midwest."

While in China this past March to adopt daughter Elizabeth Grace Jingrong Horton, **JILL JOHNSON Horton '83** and husband Bob visited with friend and MBC alumna **JENNY YING JIA '98**. Enjoying dinner at Beijing's famous Peking Duck Restaurant are (l to r) Bob, Jill, and Jenny.

BRITTNEY HALL Gill '93 was given a baby shower by **MICHELE ALLEN Angelo '93** on September 27, 2003, nine days before son Grant was born. Pictured (l to r) are **MARY HUGHES Hawkins '92**, Brittney, and Michele. Brittney says other MBC alumnae sent gifts and wishes but were unable to attend due to the continuing clean up from Hurricane Isabel.

Pictured here in March 2004 are **CARRIE ENRIGHT LaRose '98** and husband Greg

CATHERINE CUMMINGS Rennolds '99 of Hampton VA married Richard Rennolds II November 8, 2003. Mary Baldwin friends pictured in attendance are (front row, l to r) the bride's sister **CYNTHIA "CINDIE" CUMMINGS Allen '87**, **JENNIFER VERGNE '99**, **MARY "KRISTI" BLYER '99**, **SUMMER SAUNDERS Milligan '99**, the bride, **JENNIFER EDWARDS '99**, **SARAH WILSON Clepper '99**, **REBECCA STEVENS '99**, sister-in-law **SUSAN EVERLY Cummings '87**, (back row, l to r) **AIMEE FAVREAU '99**, **LAUREN DYSON '99**, **ANNIE SAVAL '99**, **NICOLE NAPIER '99**, **GRETA WINN Kidd '99**, **CATHERINE BLACK Ogletree '99**, and **AUDREY CATLETT '99**

DONNA "LYNN" THOMPSON of Southern Pines NC reports that daughter Emma was co-validictorian of her high school graduating class and now attends Rice University.

1976

MARY "PAM" HOLLINGS McConnell of Mount Pleasant SC reports that daughter Elizabeth attends Oberlin College and enjoys a creative writing class, son Chip attends Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro NH, and son Ian is in seventh grade at Moultrie Middle School in Mount Pleasant. Husband Bright is chief executive officer for Prevecare, a preventive medicine clinic in Charleson SC.

MARY ANN NABER of Leesburg VA married Gregg Stuessi October 18, 2003.

1977

MARY HUNTER Leach of Kilauea HI writes: "I continue to enjoy my work at Ola's Hanalei, a gallery of contemporary American craft on the north shore of Kauai. Whenever possible, I support local theatre projects, either on stage or behind the scenes. We live on two and a half acres, so there are always weeds to pull in our gardens. Come visit — we have a guest rental! Aloha!"

ANN LUCAS Styron of Knoxville TN and classmates **BETTIE "BEBE" HERBERT**, **ANN CALHOUN Dent** and **LESLIE MARFLEET Terry** met in Atlanta March 6th for a weekend get-together. These friends have been reuniting every year for the past 10 years.

MADELINE SCHUELER Jean of California MD writes: "Still programming full time. With one in college, one in high school, one in middle school, and my husband back in classes, I'm the only non-student in the family!"

1978

HEIDI GOELTZ Clemmer of Darnestown MD reports that daughter Jill is a sophomore at St. Mary's College of Maryland at historic St. Mary's City. Son Daniel is a sophomore in high school.

1979

CATHERINE "CATHY" BRIDGE Akers of Richmond VA has worked as licensing manager for the Virginia Lottery for over 12 years. She writes: "Son Andrew is now 13. Non-working hours are spent attending my son's sports events and reading. Husband Kevin is a vice president with Wachovia Bank."

MARY LAUREN LEHNERTZ Faulkner of Tyler TX writes: "I've been married to my wonderful husband Bruce for 21 years. He has Lehnertz Faulkner, Inc., an oil and gas company here in Tyler, and I have my interior design (residential and commercial) business. I love my job and clients. I'm starting a women's board for Mother Frances Hospital with a focus on women and children's health issues. My best news is the continued gift of our son. He is a high school senior at Bishop TK Gorman and is a constant source of joy and amazement. He was accepted into the summer seminar program at the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy. We're already gearing up for fall football — his last year to start on defense. I take great pleasure in being a 'football mom' and organizing all the team meals and transportation. It was fun contacting everyone for our reunion. MBC was the best part of my college career."

KAREN MATTHEWS Winchester of Germantown TN is a medical technologist at Baptist Hospital-Memphis. She reports that daughter Jennifer is a senior at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, working towards a degree in exercise science. After graduation, she will attend the University of Tennessee-Memphis to earn her doctorate in physical therapy. Daughter Elizabeth is in the 10th grade and plays volleyball and lacrosse. Husband John enjoys working at FedEx and duck hunting in the winter.

MELISSA RAIDER Keahey of San Antonio TX reports that son Walter graduated from high school and husband David started a new job in the real estate business. Melissa volunteers for the San Antonio Art League and enjoys playing tennis.

1980

ALISE LEARNED Mahr of Elmira NY reports that daughter Amanda is a freshman studying drama and English at Ithaca College, and daughter Maggie is a high school sophomore involved in jazz band and the track team. Husband Bill has worked for IBM for 30 years and Alise is a parent educator for family reunification as well as a PEIP (Prenatal/Early Infancy Project) research interviewer.

SUSAN MARTIN Roberts of Fort Pierce FL writes: "My husband Gary and I continue to own and operate a nursery and landscape company with 15 employees. (I finally put my business degree to work — I run the office operations.) Our six children are now ages 14–21. We have three in college and three still in high school. Whew! We graduate two more in 2005!"

1981

KATHRYN GRAVELY Melo of Yorktown VA writes: "Mike, the girls and I moved into a new home. I'm teaching second grade and loving it. Mike is in his second career and the girls are always swimming! Life is good!"

MYRTLE FRANCES JOHNSON Hatcher of Newport News VA writes: "In June, I assumed the position of district superintendent for the Peninsula District of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. This is a clergy role overseeing 38 United Methodist Churches in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia."

JAMIE LINDLER of New Orleans VA works as a deputy special master on the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, hearing claims of personal injury victims. She says the work has been very meaningful.

REBECCA LINGER Nolte of Malibu CA writes: "I'm still living in Malibu and Fort Lauderdale FL. My son Brawley attended the Cannes Film Festival in France with his father and also attended a theatre class in England this summer. Brawley turned 18 on June 20, 2004."

CAROL MCKENNA Mongan of Avondale PA writes: "Son John graduated from Tower Hill School in Wilmington DE and now attends U.Va. Daughter Elizabeth is a junior at Tower Hill."

VIRGINIA "ANNE" TYREE of Falls Church VA writes: "In October 2003, I joined Option One Mortgage Corp., a subsidiary of H&R Block, as director of project management in their Washington, D.C., office of housing, industry and trade relations."

MARGARET WREN de St. Aubin of Silver City NC reports that oldest son Chip graduated from Woodberry Forest School in May and attends Hampden-Sydney College where he plays lacrosse. Son Wren, 16, is a junior at Woodberry and is friends with Alex Butler, son of **DOUGLAS MONCURE Butler '81**, and Will Fletcher, son of **CYNTHIA "CYNDI" PHILLIPS Fletcher '82**. Margaret's youngest son Denis, 9, likes tennis, golf and "keeping up with his big brothers."

CHRISTINE "CHRIS" WYNNE is a real estate broker in High Point NC where her family resides. She writes: "My husband Gary joined me in the business this year. Our children are seniors in high school. It's an exciting

time seeing them prepare for their college years!"

1982

JILL DAVIS Barnes of Mount Pleasant SC writes: "On March 1, 2004, I accepted the position of business manager for Lowcountry AIDS Services, a nonprofit agency serving men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS in the greater Charleston area, along with providing prevention and education services. It is a challenging but rewarding job."

SARA PENDLETON Tartala of Fort Eustis VA writes: "We're back in the United States after three years in Germany. We are especially happy to be living in Virginia. My husband John and I have three children: Katy, 15, Margaret, 13, and Jack, 8."

1983

MELINDA CAIN of Dallas TX writes: "Enjoying first-time home ownership — finally! What a learning experience it is! Also enjoying time with my dog and going on at least two cruises every year to 'decompress.'"

JILL JOHNSON Horton of Columbia SC writes: "We traveled to China in March to adopt our precious little girl, Elizabeth Grace Jingrong Horton. She has blessed us more than we ever could have imagined and our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to God for His precious gift! I also got to visit with **JENNY YING JIA '98**, a friend from China, while in Beijing — a wonderful visit!"

CAROLINE "CARRIE" LIVINGSTON Grayson of Atlanta GA writes: "I'm really enjoying my antique businesses in Atlanta. I own two booths at Antique Mall and have been successfully selling for two years. I went to a program on girl's school education and was reminded of the impact MBC had on my life. Even though it was only one year, it was significant!"

KIMBERLY "KIM" MCGEE Roberson of Fredericksburg VA continues to work for the Department of Defense. She reports that son Kyle, 11, now attends middle school.

1984

KERRI GLENN Byrne of Beesleys Point NJ is busy at home with four children: Timmy, 17, Jessica, 15, Casey, 11, and Logan, 5.

THERESA HALL Attwell of Houston TX writes: "Evans and I are still loving Houston. Patrick, 9, and Mary-Evans, 8, keep my tires rolling! I see lots of **ALLISON VAN EMAN Culver '86** and all the other fun Houston MBC gals."

TOMI HOLSOPPLE Shmaisani writes: "I recently purchased my first home in Houston TX and finished course work from the University of Phoenix in Houston. I received a bachelor of science degree in business/ebusiness in September."

JESSICA MEEKINS of Virginia Beach VA received a master's in early childhood special education from Old Dominion University in 1994. She teaches preschool-aged special needs children for Virginia Beach Schools.

ROBIN NEWCOMB Lermo of Springfield VA enjoys being at home with daughter Leslie, 4, and son Peter, 2. She writes: "They keep me busy! My husband Erick retired from the Marine Corps this summer after serving 20 years and plans to start a second career in the Washington, D.C., area."

ANTOINETTE OLIVER Downing of Yelm WA writes: "My husband Jim and I are preparing to have a high school senior. We are planning a cross country trip in a motorhome with our three daughters to visit my relatives."

1986

DIANA "DEE" DOLES Stokes and husband Robbie of Raleigh NC announce the birth of son Robert Luther "Luke" Stokes, Jr., March 6, 2004.

1987

ANNE POULSON Russell of Columbus OH was promoted to supervisor of the Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

1988

RALPHETTA AKER of Orlando FL is in the inaugural evening class at Florida A&M University College of Law.

MARY BLASSER Brown and husband Michael of Dillon SC celebrated the birth of son Andrew Walker Brown May 5, 2003. Andrew was 8 lbs., 1 ounce and 21 inches long.

NELLE CHILTON Dixon of Ronceverte WV is very proud of her 2-year-old daughter.

LISA DRESSLER Garst of Salem VA writes: "In March 2004, I spent a weekend in Salem with **MARGARET "MEG" HARTLEY Buchanan '88**, **DEBORAH "DEBBIE" WUENSCH Haynes '88**, **SUZANNE LOCHNER '88**, and **"MARY CHESS" DONALD Pitman '87** This 'girl's weekend' is an annual event!"

1989

GENEVIEVE "GENA" DAVIS Adams of Staunton VA writes: "Our lovely little girl, Emma Powers Adams, was born September 25, 2003."

KELLY GARRETT Abbott of Darien CT writes: "I had my third daughter, Keaton Greer Abbott, September 19, 2003."

ELIZABETH HAMMOCK Benjamin of Lloyd Harbor NY enjoyed seeing classmates at reunion in May. She writes: "Stephen and I became parents again in November 2002, when Arabella Bass Benjamin was born. Steve is busy building apartments in New York City and I'm busy being mom to Will, 5, and Ella, 20 months. We're having a ton of fun!"

1990

DIANA "KATHERINE" BRANT Manning of Lynchburg VA writes: "David and I are thrilled to announce the adoption of daughter Katherine Grace "Kacki" Manning, born March 31, 2003, in Khabarovsk, Russia. She joins sons Will, 11, and Brant, 9. I am still the director of admissions at James River Day School in Lynchburg."

MARY ANN CHATHAM Groton of Atlanta GA continues to work as a portrait artist while raising son Hunter, born January 19, 2003.

JENNIFER "JENNI" NETTING Cramer of Ashburn VA writes: "Joe and I joyfully announce the birth of our son John Franklin Cramer, born April 7, 2004. Jackson, 2, loves being a big brother. I am still working for Nextel Communications in Herndon VA as the director of IT testing. It was great catching up with **ELIZABETH "BETH" CARRERAS Benson '90** and **SUSAN HYATT Ferrell '90** at John's baptism in June."

VALERIE SKINNER Jerome of Macedon NY has taught school for 10 years and currently teaches third grade for Rochester City Schools. Husband Yat-Sen is a manager for Hyatt Hotels. She writes: "We are enjoying every minute of every day with our son Hadley Jean, born May 15, 2003. He's the greatest thing in the whole world and the first grandchild in the family. We recently took Hadley on his first of many vacations to Orlando FL and he loved the big pool at the hotel. My sister **CHRISTINA "CHRIS" SKINNER Sommer '91** is married and doing great. Chris and I both have boxers; Naya and Newman. Hadley and Naya are great buddies. I've lost contact with many of my friends from MBC and would love to get in touch with Betsey, M.D., and others. I miss you guys."

LORI SMITH Beck and husband John of San Antonio TX celebrated the birth of daughter Kesteren Tindall Beck February 21, 2004.

HILDA "MAGGIE" TATE Riith and husband Michael are proud to announce the birth of son Maximilian Tate Riith March 3, 2003. Maximilian joined big brother Jake, 4.

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STEPHANIE BAKER Jones of Calhoun GA writes: "We moved to Calhoun, my husband's home town, over three years ago. I'm very busy raising Elizabeth 'Grace,' 4, and 'Anne Fogle,' 2."

VIRGINIA "GINGER" BERRY James of Hayes VA writes: "We're living in Gloucester now and moved for Clayton to join Merrill Lynch. I have two children; Kathryn, 5, and Drake, 2, that I love staying home with."

ELLEN "MAUREEN" CULLATHER Stepanian of Richmond VA stays busy with her three children: Megan, 6, Nicholas, 4, and Jack, 2.

ANGELA PERRI of Irvine CA writes: "My partner and I moved to southern California. We are living in an apartment but plan on buying a home in the next six months to a year."

SUSAN SOMMERS Crisp and husband Sellers enjoy living in Atlanta GA and visiting with **CAROLINE MAY Echols '90** and her husband Charlie. The couple celebrated the birth of daughter Susan "Shepherd" Crisp March 29, 2004. Shepherd joined big brother Sellers, 3, and was named after her mother and grandmother **SUSAN OAST Tompkins '64**

1992

KRISTIN COLLINS of College Park MD was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at Montgomery College in Germantown MD April 30, 2004, and has been nominated by Phi Theta Kappa for the national dean's list for 2003 – 2004. Kristin plans to apply to law school after completing the paralegal studies program at Montgomery College in May 2005.

ELIZABETH CONNELL Pee of Athens GA writes: "I'm teaching gifted education in Clarke County GA and just had my fourth child, Anderson Wells, in March. He joins Emily, 9, Robby, 7, and Alex, 3."

CATHERINE GREEN Lynch of Manassas VA writes: "My husband Monty and I welcomed second child Jackson Burrows Lynch to our family March 16, 2004. Big brother Chandler realizes that Jackson's here to stay and is adjusting fairly well. We're all having a lot of fun!"

JULIA "JULIE" KING Maxwell of Fishersville VA is in her ninth year of teaching biology and ecology at a local high school. She completed her master's in education administration in early December 2003, and on December 22, gave birth to first child Emma Kate Sherman Maxwell, .7 lbs., 4 ounces. Julie writes: "We brought her home on Christmas day. What a present!"

EVI-LUISE "EVI" POVER Dobrila of Stroudsburg PA writes: "I attended MBC's Continuing Education weekend and it was excellent — a great way to bring alumnae back!"

ANGELA STAATS Manning and husband John of Winston-Salem NC welcomed the birth of son Lucas Benjamin April 17, 2004. He joined big sister Grace Alexandra, 4.

KAREN WOOD Woodson of Chesapeake VA writes: "My husband John and I have a new addition to our family — a girl, Caroline Gladden Woodson, born June 2, 2004. Ann Jacob, 2, loves being a big sister. I took the summer off from my work as senior accountant with the City of Portsmouth to be at home with Caroline."

On March 20, 2004, **JENNIFER "JENNY" RINACA Hudgins '02** married John Bradley Hudgins in Chesapeake VA. Celebrating the wedding are (front row, l to r) **JENNIFER "JENNY" BOYKIN '01**, **LISA SUBERROC '01**, **BLAIRE HOWLE '01**, **NORAH FICK '01**, **JENNIFER MCGEE '01**, (back row, l to r) **SHEYMA BAUTISTA '02**, **SADA SMITH '02**, **EMILY MOTLEY '02**, Danielle Ryan, **ANNE SCHAECH '01**, the bride, **CASEY CROFTON '01**, and **COURTNEY BLASIUS '02**

1993

CHRISTINA CALDWELL Anderson of Fort Mill SC is a stay-at-home mother of two: Zephaniah, 3, and Finlay-Rose, 1. She writes: "My husband Dareck and our family live just south of Charlotte NC. I attended MBC for only two years (1989–1991) and would love to get in touch with some old classmates."

BRITTNEY HALL Gill and husband Matt of Colonial Heights VA celebrated the birth of son Grant Edward Gill October 6, 2003. Brittney writes: "Since Grant's birth, I've been fortunate to work from home and enjoy watching our precious little boy grow up. Matt and I are both thrilled about parenthood."

CHRISTYN HAWKINS Howell of Barrington IL writes: "Trae and I bought our first home. We're extremely excited about it and can't wait to start decorating. We'll be in the home about six weeks before our first wedding anniversary!"

STACEY KESLER Pugh of Bel Air MD writes: "Recently moved to the Baltimore area with my husband Bill and our dog Dulce. I work in the marketing department of Point Breeze Credit Union."

KIMBERLY LUCAS Berry and husband Barth of Staunton VA married August 1, 2003. The couple welcomed the birth of first child Geneva Ann "Nev" Berry June 29, 2004.

TRICIA WILSON Cotter relocated from Orlando FL to Staunton in May where she and husband Michael own and operate Taylor Rental. The couple welcomed the birth of second son Michael E. Cotter, III, July 31, 2003.

1994

JEANNE "CAROL" BIGGS Sigley and husband Chris of Gloucester VA are proud to announce the birth of daughter Grace Caroline, born in Williamsburg October 31, 2003. "Gracie" weighed 7 lbs., 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

HOLLY HUNTER Loeffler of Charlotte NC married Michael "Christopher" Loeffler March 22, 2003, and gave birth to first child Campbell Morgan Loeffler March 21, 2004. Campbell weighed 6 lbs., 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

KATHRYN STOKELY Powell of Danville VA is director of development for Averett University. Formerly executive director of CONTACT Crisis Line of Danville-Pittsylvania County, Kathryn is spearheading the university's fund-raising efforts with special concentration on the annual fund, special projects, leadership of volunteers, and corporate and foundation relations.

SARA WILLIAMSON Sutphin and husband Mike of Louisville KY are proud parents of Jonathan, 2, and Paul Colliver, born July 15, 2004. Sara writes: "I am working as a youth counselor and earning my master's in counseling psychology at the University of Louisville. Mike is a network administrator."

MARGARET "ASHLEY" WILSON Shepardson of Richmond VA is a stay-at-home mother to son William, 2.

1995

GARNETT CLYMER Ogden and husband Chris of Dallas TX celebrated the birth of first child Andrew William Ogden June 15, 2004. Andrew weighed6 lbs., 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

ALEXIS GRIER Reid and husband Langdon of Staunton VA are proud to announce the birth of daughter Caroline Fairchild Reid May 8, 2004. Caroline weighed 8 lbs., 9 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Alexis continues to work as a 2-star consultant with Southern Living at HOME, while Langdon and cousin **H. "WIL" REID '96 ADP** perform as the country music duo Grandstaff.

LEE THOMPSON Vermillion and husband Kevin of Bristow VA celebrated the birth of second son Carter Lee Vermillion April 1, 2004. Carter joined big brother Jackson, 3. Lee is currently a stay-at-home mother and plans to attend graduate school at George Mason University in January 2005. She will earn her master's in teaching to become a licensed reading specialist.

NOSHUA WATSON of Silver Spring MD worked as an instructor of economics at Mary Baldwin College during the last academic session. She has now entered the Ph.D. program in strategy at INSEAD, a top international business school in Fontainebleau, France. Noshua was only one of two students to receive a full scholarship for the program.

1996

LORI ANDERSON Goad of Hurt VA married Thomas W. Goad, Jr. March 29, 2003, followed by a honeymoon in Charleston SC. Lori writes: "We were married by our pastor on the deck of the youth building at our church. I've been teaching third grade at Altavista Elementary School for five years and completed my master's in curriculum and instruction from U.Va. in May."

AMY GRIFFITH Berra of Hummelstown PA writes: "My husband and I welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Lola June Berra, into our family August 7, 2003. I am now a stay-at-home mother and a Tastefully Simple consultant."

APRIL KIRBY Ware and husband Earl of Richmond VA welcomed the birth of first child Evan Kirby Ware February 8, 2004. Evan weighed8 lbs., 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

1997

MARGARET "MEG" CLARK Courtney and husband Travis of Fredericksburg VA celebrated the birth of second child Mary Grace Courtney May 15, 2004. Meg writes: "We, and big brother Griffin, 3, are all doing fine!"

MARY ELIZABETH "BETH" SILVERMAN Sprenkle and husband Taylor moved from Florida to Manassas VA in May. Beth works for the state in wetlands protection.

HOLLY SOUTH of St. Inigoes MD writes: "My husband Patrick and I brought our first son, Ethan, home last July."

ELIZABETH TROMBLEY Saunders of Marietta GA writes. "My boys recently turned 2 and I'm loving staying at home with them. I was elected to the board of my twins club, so I'm staying busy."

1998

FAITH ANDREWS of Wilmington DE writes: "I've returned to Delaware and am working for MBNA in the fraud services department. Christopher Johnson, Jr. had his first birthday April 28, 2004."

ANNIE ANDREWS Minix and husband Lee of Appomattox VA welcomed the birth of son James Daniel Minix April 20, 2004. James weighed 7 lbs., 13 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

ELIZABETH CALHOUN of Nashville TN writes: "**MEREDITH MOLTENI '98** and I

along with the Junior League of Richmond VA, traveled to Athens, the Greek Isles, and Turkey in March. The sheer beauty of Athens was incredible. We had the opportunity to visit six diverse and culturally rich islands: Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Rhodes, Creta, and Santorini, where we ended our fabulous trip."

CARRIE ENRIGHT LaRose of Williamsburg VA writes: "In September 2002, I married a wonderful police officer named Greg LaRose. He was recently promoted to lieutenant! I'm so proud to have MBC skills at work in being a 'networking wife.' I am now a very happy stay-at-home mommy to Joseph, 20 months. I use my Mary Baldwin skills to be an organized and productive housewife, but look forward to finishing my teaching degree in a few years. I'd love to get in contact with old classmates!"

JENNY JIA of Beijing, China has worked for the past four years as a secretary for Hughes Network Systems, a company based in Maryland with an office in Beijing. Jenny writes: "God is so good. He is the same in the United States and in China. I often tell my friends in China that the biggest gain for me in the United States was to know God. He is so good! I miss Staunton and MBC — the quiet little town and my white-painted school. I also miss my teachers, friends, classmates, the Grafton Library (where we studied hard), and Wesley, my neighbor's baby who once went with me to a meeting at school. So many memories ... If anyone wants to know anything about China or Beijing, I'll try to find the answer and write to you. Best wishes for my school and love to you all!"

REBECCA "BECKY" MORRISON of Greenbelt MD develops corporate surveys for the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, D.C., and was featured on the National Network of Presbyterian College Women's Web site for her service as a lay leader in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Rebecca has served as a ruling elder and co-chair of her congregation's Christian Education Committee. Other involvment includes work with her presbytery's Youth Connection and as a planning team member for the 2003 Presbyterian Women's Gathering in Louisville KY. In October 2003, the Women's Ministries Program Area asked Rebecca to attend a conference in Ghana focused on religion, culture, and HIV/AIDS. She says about the experience: "I learned a great deal about the cultural and religious factors contributing to the spread of the virus in Africa. It was awesome to be in partnership with our African sisters, even though it was only for a week."

HOLLAND ROBERTS Gibbs reports that her family moved back to Jacksonville FL where husband Charles accepted a position with a law firm. She writes: "I'm a stay-at-home mom to Margaret, 3, and Trip, 1, who we welcomed May 2, 2003."

LISA SHIRLEY Burns of Berkeley Springs WV married James Burn October 17, 2003. She writes: "We welcomed our daughter Virginia Rose Burns into the world May 20, 2004."

1999

SAMANTHA ATKINS of Kitty Hawk NC took a new job as director of sales for a hotel in Nags Head NC.

TORSKI DOBSON-Arnold of Mechanicsville VA writes: "My previous year and a half has been busy. In March 2003, I gave birth to my first child, Donanthan Patrick Arnold. This year, I received my master's of science in human resource management from Troy State University in Alabama. One week later, I started a new career in human resources at Virginia Commonwealth University. Life is very busy but very fulfilling."

KATHERINE GRISDALE of Woodstock VA continues to serve in the Army and was deployed to Iraq in August.

JENNIFER LORDAN of Richmond VA writes: "I am now working in New Kent VA as an occupational therapist at Cumberland Hospital for Children and Adolescents."

SARAH POSTON of Richmond VA graduated from VCU School of Pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia in May.

TIFFANY RICHTER of Atlanta GA writes: "On June 6, 2004, **HOLLY WOJCAK '02** and I completed the San Diego Rock 'n Roll Marathon! We trained on opposite coasts with Team in Training and raised over $7,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Who knew that two 'squirrel girls' who griped about physical education classes would go on to train for a marathon?"

EMILY WHITE of Flushing MI plans to attend Thomas M. Cooley Law School this fall to pursue a juris doctor.

2000

CHARLOTTE "CHERRY" AYCOCK of Houston TX writes: "I'm no longer a law student, but have a wealth of information for aspiring law students or lawyers who would like to make a career change. Please feel free to contact me with questions. To all my MBC girlfriends — please keep in touch. I wish you all the best in whatever you're doing!"

LETICIA HALL-Salam and husband Abdul celebrated the birth of daughter Farah January 24, 2004. The Salam family (Leticia, Abdul, Jabriel and Farah) reside in Woodbridge VA where Leticia is education manager for The National Cancer Registrars Association and is completing a nursing degree. She writes: " I am the happiest I've ever been and have God, my husband, family and friends to thank for it."

EMILY MAZZEO Kruczynski of Martinsburg WV married Captain John Stephen Kruczynski at the U.S. Air Force Academy July 14, 2004.

ELIZABETH "BETH" SMITH Lee of Newport News VA writes: "On June 25, 2004, I married my best friend Jeffrey Lee. It was a beautiful ceremony and great reception. I'm now teaching second grade and am working towards my master's in library science/ media at Old Dominion University."

2001

MELISSA CARICO Bell and husband Shane of Rock Hill SC celebrated the birth of first child Sterling Grace Bell May 25, 2004.

STARLING CRABTREE Nowell of Nashville TN works in the mortgage division at National Bank of Commerce in Brentwood TN. She writes: "I'm getting ready to celebrate a year of marriage, and we're purchasing a home! Work as a mortgage lender keeps me busy, but I'm enjoying every minute of it. Brad and I plan to take a vacation after settling into our house this fall. We're enjoying Nashville and look forward to a great football season with the Titans! Congrats to **WINDSOR HALL Johnson '02** and **KIRSTEN WELTON Sheilds '01** on their marriages! Love to all my MBC friends: **ASHLEY LEONARD '01**, **A'LEIGH SPENSIERI '01**, **TIFFANY SHUMACK '02**, **MONICA LAZO Mongaras '03**, and **APRIL "JOLAYNE" SIKES '01**

ELIZABETH HOLLAND of Richmond VA teaches first grade in Henrico County.

LAINA NELSON of Norfolk VA writes: "Wow! Life has been great since my days at MBC. In early 2002, I broke off my engagement to a 'certain Hampden-Sydney gentleman' — the best decision of my life. Since then, I've worked as a first grade teacher in Norfolk. I met and fell in love with Derek Shoemake, an ODU graduate. In April, he proposed in New York City's Central Park during a horse drawn carriage ride. Our wedding is planned for December 18, 2004. I hope everyone else has found such splendid happiness as well."

MELANIE TEEVAN McConnell of Centreville VA writes: "Hope all is well! Just want to say that all is well here. Nick McConnell and I married September 20, 2003, and are living in our very own house in Centreville. Nick works in Bethesda and I work with **DELAINE PERRY '02** in Fairfax."

CHRISTINE WUERTH Spilman of Harrisonburg VA married Jeremy Spilman October 11, 2003. **HEIDI BALSLEY '02** was matron of honor. Christine writes: "Married life has been so wonderful and Jeremy is a wonderful husband. In addition to working part time at JMU's Women's Resource Center, I attend Eastern Mennonite University full time pursuing my master's in counseling."

2002

LUCIA "YOGI" ALMENDRAS '02 of Washington DC writes: "Scarlet. Two years away from Mary Baldwin and so much has happened. I moved into Glover Park in the District. It's walking distance from Georgetown University where I've been the center coordinator for the Center for Business and Public Policy at the McDonough School of Business for almost two years. I plan several events and, as you can imagine, have the opportunity to meet many new faces. I was asked to plan the Ministers of Women's Affairs Conference in conjunction with Georgetown University's Women's Leadership Initiative and Harvard University's Council of Women World Leaders in the fall of 2003. It was during that event that I met the Honorable Paula J. Dobriansky, the under secretary of state for global affairs; the Afghan minister of women's affairs, Habiba Sarabi; the president of the All-China Women's Federation, Peng Peiyun; and the deputy secretary of women, health, welfare and food in Hong Kong, Sally Wong. In April, I hosted a Distinguished Speaker Series where I had cocktails with Lana Marks, CEO and founder of LANA MARKS, Ltd. She is a lovely woman with beautifully designed handbags and a great sense of humor. Georgetown University has several outlets to expose its students to different types of women in leadership and business. I hope that Mary Baldwin College will soon have the same opportunities for its students. Gold!"

LISA BLISS of McLean VA writes: "I left my job for a more career-oriented position at the Law Firm Group in Washington, D.C., a division of Citigroup Private Bank. I also completed my first season as a Junior Olympic volleyball coach for girls 16 and under, along with **COURTNEY BLASIUS '02** and **SHEYMA BAUTISTA '02**."

MALISSA DEWINDT of Roanoke VA earned her master of arts in liberal studies with a concentration in social sciences at Hollins University May 23, 2004.

ERINN SINGMAN Hopkins of Colorado Springs CO married Ben Hopkins June 27, 2004.

2003

AMANDA BENNETT Lancaster of Harrisville NY married Phillip David Lancaster June 26, 2004, in Fort Drum NY.

KRISTEN COOPER Mullen of Wichita KS married Keith Uriah Mullen January 1, 2004. She writes: "I'm currently stationed at McConnell AFB, KS as a section com-

LUCIA "YOGI" ALMENDRAS '02 (r) had the opportunity to meet Lana Marks (l), CEO and founder of LANA MARKS, Ltd. during a Distinguished Speaker Series Yogi hosted through her work with Georgetown University. LANA MARKS leather handbags and accessories are carried by celebrities and political figures such as the late Princess Diana, First Lady Laura Bush, Oprah Winfrey, Julianne Moore, Angela Bassett, Reese Witherspoon, and Chloe Sevigny.

Celebrating at the finish line of the Rock 'n Roll Marathon in San Diego CA on June 6, 2004, are **HOLLY WOJCAK '02** (l) and **TIFFANY RICHTER '99** (r). The two alumnae trained on opposite coasts and together raised over $7,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

mander of 22 Maintenance Group. I have experienced many adventures since I left Baldwin, but the most exciting one occurred on January 1, 2004. I had the privilege of becoming Mrs. Keith Uriah Mullen. This August, I reunited with sister nULLs in Florida."

NANCY FERMOSELLE of Staunton VA enjoyed her first year of teaching Spanish at Shelburne Middle School. She writes: "I also had a great time choreographing spring musicals for Robert E. Lee High School."

LEAH GRIFFITH writes: "I moved into a new townhouse and love living in Charlottesville VA!"

MEGAN KLECKNER Moore of Richmond VA married Christopher Jackson Moore June 5, 2004, in St. Michael's MD, followed by a honeymoon there. Christopher works for Joyce Engineering and Megan worked for Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Center over the summer. She is in her second year of graduate school in the health administration program at MCV.

MONICA LAZO Mongaras writes. "I'm doing well. I've been married for two years and have a one-year-old named Emily. I'm finishing school and am a homemaker with a wonderful husband, Michael, who encourages all of my dreams. He is the assistant manager for Allen Edmonds Shoe Corp. We still reside in Plano TX, and can't wait to make a trip to MBC."

BARBARA LEWIS of Vienna VA works at her former elementary school, Flint Hill, in Fairfax County. She writes: "I'm an assistant, working with third and fourth graders with special needs who have been mainstreamed into the regular classroom. It is a demanding yet rewarding job."

MICHAEL MCGUIRE of Pearisburg VA writes: "Greeting to all my 2003 MBC alums and my sister nULLs. I recently acquired a new job as a microscope specialist for Celanese Acetate Core Research and Development. Some of my duties include running a scanning electron microscope, FT-IR, and an image analyzer. I'm really excited about my job and all the new opportunities that are before me. Jeffrey and I are planning our October 1, 2004 wedding. The planning process is going really well and we're excited about our future."

BRANDI SAMUELS of Midlothian VA writes. "After a year of working as a project coordinator for Reico Kitchen & Bath, I've finally broken into the commercial design market. I accepted a position at Mega Office Furniture and am now an interior designer. Mega is an office furniture showroom and dealership that specializes in office furniture, design and cubicle systems. I'm very happy to join the Mega office team and am very excited about my career move!"

JULIE SCHMIDT of McLean VA writes: "After breaking my knee and tearing my ACL in a sailing accident a month after graduation, I moved to the Washinton, D.C., area in November. I've been working on Capitol Hill since December 2003, serving as legislative correspondent to Congressman John Linder from my home state of Georgia. D.C. is a great city and I'm enjoying everything it has to offer!"

2004

LESLIE RUEFF of Staunton VA writes: "I did another year of classes at MBC to complete my teaching licensure in music and elementary education. This past year, I also worked in PEG as resident staff. In March, I was offered a fourth grade teaching position in Waynesboro, which I accepted. I moved from Virginia Beach to the Valley and have a house in Staunton with **GRETCHEN DAUB '02**."

ADP

1979

BARBARA JOHNSON of Charlottesville VA reports that she and husband Thomas spent a week in Colorado when grandson Luke Van Deman graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Barbara's granddaughter Amanda Van Deman is a missionary in Nicaragua and will marry a Nicaraguan December 18, 2004.

1981

CARY GOODRICH Osborne of Norman OK wrote a short story entitled "Half an Inch to Spare," published in the May release of *Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul.*

1985

KATE FELTON of Louisburg NC is writing a dessert cookbook as well as a children's book. She writes: "Had weight loss surgery in October 2000 and lost 75 lbs. Best surgery I ever had."

PAT KELLERMAN of Leesburg VA is the author of a recently published book about how to find fulfillment after retirement entitled *Starting Over Reinventing Life After 60.* She traveled around the country to interview the men and women who provide the brief, inspiring stories the in book

Alumnus Painter Honored at International Arts Festival

By Samantha Sprole '06

Judges for the 2004 International Very Special Arts Festival know talent when they see it. **John Trippel '92**, a graduate of the Adult Degree Program, had two oil paintings on exhibit during the four-day festival in Washington D.C. VSA arts is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and developing the talent of artists with disabilities. In addition to visual art, the organization supports creative writers and poets, musicians, dancers, and actors. The international festival occurs every five years in a different city within one of 64 participating countries.

Trippel graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in 1975. Two years later, Trippel was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Since that time, he has struggled with and won control over his disability. In 1989, Trippel heard of Mary Baldwin's Adult Degree Program while taking classes at Piedmont Community College. He explored further and decided to enroll. Trippel earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a minor in education. "It did help," Trippel said of the ADP Program. "It gave me a reason to paint again."

Pit Stop, oil on canvas, 2003-04

Trippel was the only visual artist from Virginia to have his work displayed at the International Very Special Arts Festival. His Mary Baldwin education and VSA arts keep him inspired to paint, and the minor in education landed him a full-time teacher's assistant position at Albemarle High School.

1986

DORIS HARLAN of Charlottesville VA retired from U. Va. and is enjoying her grandchildren and a garden club.

1994

DUSTIN WELLS of San Francisco CA graduated from New College of California in San Francisco with an MFA in writing. His play "Bad Math" had a month-long run at the Exit Theater and "Apple Cipher" has been chosen for production in January. Dustin's novel *The Cappuccino Cowboy Decides to Get Married* will be published by Bootstrap Press, Boston MA within the year.

1999

TAMMY WHISMAN-DIETZ of Staunton VA earned her master's of education in school administration from James Madison University. She continues to teach first grade at Edward G. Clymore Elementary School.

2000

DIANE ENROUGHTY of Richmond VA completed her master's of science in the management information technology program at U. Va. and graduated in the class of 2004.

2001

ARLENE DUNN of Lancaster PA received her master's of divinity and The Charles J. Reller Abiding Memorial Fund Award for Christian Concern for Others from Princeton Theological Seminary May 15, 2004. Arlene served as pastor of The Church of Christ in Mt. Washington MA this past summer.

2002

KENT MCCLANAHAN of Glen Allen VA earned an executive MBA from VCU and celebrated her graduation with **JENNIFER TAYLOR '95**, who also earned the same degree. Kent writes: "Mary Baldwin College traditionals and ADP graduates are both moving forward."

2003

NILDA JOLLOFF teaches art at Shelburne Middle School in Staunton where she resides. She was inducted into the National Museum of Women in the Arts, won Best in Show for mixed-media at the 2003 Augusta County Fair, and has been invited to present an art workshop this fall at the Creative Mind Conference for the Moss Foundation at Sweet Briar College.

MAT

1998

LATRICIA SCHENDEL Dickman of Charlottesville VA writes: "After graduating from the MAT program, I taught eighth grade math and algebra in a local middle school. I did not return to teaching in the fall of 2003 because my husband and I welcomed twins to our family! I'm now a stay-at-home mom to Ryland John and Jillian Paige and plan to remain at home with them, at least until they begin school. I enjoyed teaching middle-schoolers very much, but I now enjoy being a different kind of teacher to my son and daughter."

Faculty Ties

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Madison University — Rai said a chief goal of his work at Mary Baldwin is to enrich his students' experiences by exploring diversity in his classes, which include Children and family social environments, social work theory, and interviewing techniques. Rai will teach the latter course for the first time at MBC, focusing on ways to consider people's ethnicity, race, language, socioeconomic background, and other factors when interviewing.

"By being a diverse person, and letting that come through in my work, I take students beyond their physical and emotional boundaries," said Rai, a world traveler who visited England, Italy and France in the summer. "I hope I help them understand that there is a world beyond college."

PHOTO BY DANIELLE MCMILLION

Janet Mitchell Harper '54

A Homecoming, Too, For Notable Gifts to MBC

By George Graves

Janet Mitchell Harper '54 and Sarah Lacy Miller '38 brought gifts to homecoming: Harper donated to the college two paintings by the late Mary Baldwin faculty members Horace Day and Elizabeth Nottingham Day; and Miller gave a pin bearing the name Baldwin and made more than 100 years ago.

Harper, who has taught art and continues to paint, recalls the Days as "not only wonderful professors — they were wonderful people." As a senior art major, Harper bought a painting by each of the Days: a watercolor of Natural Bridge in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley by Horace Day, and a seascape by his wife.

Harper marked her 50th reunion, and joining the Grafton Society, by giving the paintings to the college, partly in hope that other graduates who own work by the Days might someday do the same. She credits the Days with instilling in her a love of teaching and of painting. Harper keeps a photo of them in her studio in Malvern, Pennsylvania. Sometimes, when teaching, she says she would say something and think, "Oh, that sounds just like Elizabeth."

Parting with the paintings was emotionally difficult, said Harper, because they have long reminded her that she was "so happy here" as a student at Mary Baldwin, where the Days "did have a profound influence on me."

Miller, a retired missionary who lives in Harrisonburg, Virginia, has had the pin for many decades. She said she's not sure where it came from, but noting its age — the year 1894 appears on the back — she thought the college would want it for its collection of historic memorabilia.

PHOTO BY GRETCHEN NEWMAN

Sarah Lacy Miller '38

MARRIAGES

MARY ANN NABER '76 to Gregg Stuessi, October 18, 2003

LUCINDA "CINDY" FURR '81 to Alexander Lee Caldwell Jr., September 7, 2002

KRISTEN BARNER '90 to David Loar, August 1, 2004

KIMBERLY LUCAS '93 to Barth Berry, August 1, 2003

HOLLY HUNTER '94 to Michael "Christopher" Loeffler, March 22, 2003

LORI ANDERSON '96 to Thomas W. Goad Jr., March 29, 2003

LISA SHIRLEY '98 to James Burns, October 17, 2003

CATHERINE CUMMINGS '99 to Richard Rennolds II, November 8, 2003

ELIZABETH "BETH" SMITH '00 to Jeffrey Lee, June 25, 2004

EMILY MAZZEO '00 to John Stephen Kruczynski, July 14, 2004

MELANIE TEEVAN '01 to Nick McConnell, September 20, 2003

KIRSTEN WELTON '01 to Josh Shields, May 1, 2004

CHRISTINE WUERTH '01 to Jeremy Spilman, October 11, 2003

ERINN SINGMAN '02 to Ben Hopkins, June 27, 2004

JENNIFER "JENNY" RINACA '02 to John Bradley Hudgins, March 20, 2004

AMANDA BENNETT '03 to Phillip David Lancaster, June 26, 2004

KRISTEN COOPER '03 to Keith Uriah Mullen, January 1, 2004

MEGAN KLECKNER '03 to Christopher Jackson Moore, June 5, 2004

BIRTHS

JILL JOHNSON Horton '83 and Bob: a daughter, Elizabeth Grace Jingrong, born February 17, 2003, adopted March 15, 2004

DIANA "DEE" DOLES Stokes '86 and Robbie: a son, Robert Luther "Luke" Jr., March 6, 2004

MARY BLASSER Brown '88 and Michael: a son, Andrew Walker, May 5, 2004

GENEVIEVE "GENA" DAVIS Adams '89 and Peter: a daughter, Emma Powers, September 25, 2003

KELLY GARRETT Abbott '89 and Keith: a daugher, Keaton Greer, September 19, 2003

DIANA "KATHERINE" BRANT Manning '90 and David: an adopted daughter, Katherine Grace "Kacki," born March 31, 2003

JENNIFER "JENNI" NETTING Cramer '90 and Joe: a son, John Franklin, April 7, 2004

VALERIE SKINNER Jerome '90 and Yat-Sen: a son, Hadley Jean, May 15, 2003

LORI SMITH Beck '90 and John: a daughter, Kesteren Tindall, February 21, 2004

HILDA "MAGGIE" TATE Riith '90 and Michael: a son, Maximilian Tate, March 3, 2003

SUSAN SOMMERS Crisp '91 and Sellers: a daughter, Susan "Shepherd," March 29, 2004

ROSE CHU Beck '92 and Rex: a daughter, Anna Joy, October 26, 2003

ELIZABETH CONNELL Pee '92 and Thomas: a son, Anderson Wells, March 20, 2004

CATHERINE GREEN Lynch '92 and Monty: a son, Jackson Burrows, March 16, 2004

JULIA "JULIE" KING Maxwell '92 and Robert: a daughter, Emma Kate Sherman, December 22, 2003

ANGELA STAATS Manning '92 and John: a son, Lucas Benjamin, April 17, 2004

KAREN WOOD Woodson '92 and John: a daughter, Caroline Gladden, June 2, 2004

BRITTNEY HALL Gill '93 and Matt: a son, Grant Edward, October 6, 2003

KIMBERLY LUCAS Berry '93 and Barth: a daughter, Geneva Ann "Nev," June 29, 2004

TRICIA WILSON Cotter '93 and Michael: a son, Michael E. III, July 31, 2003

JEANNE "CAROL" BIGGS Sigley '94 and Chris: a daughter, Grace Caroline, October 31, 2004

HOLLY HUNTER Loeffler '94 and Christopher: a daugher, Campbell Morgan, March 21, 2004

SARA WILLIAMSON Sutphin '94 and Mike: a son, Paul Colliver, July 15, 2004

GARNETT CLYMER Ogden '95 and Chris: a son, Andrew William, June 15, 2004

ALEXIS GRIER Reid '95 and Langdon: a daughter, Caroline Fairchild, May 8, 2004

LEE THOMPSON Vermillion '95 and Kevin: a son, Carter Lee, April 1, 2004

AMY GRIFFITH Berra '96 and Matthew: a daughter, Lola June, August 7, 2003

APRIL KIRBY Ware '96 and Earl: a son, Evan Kirby, February 8, 2004

MARGARET "MEG" CLARK Courtney '97 and Travis: a daughter, Mary Grace, May 15, 2004

HOLLY SOUTH '97 and Patrick: a son, Ethan Luis, born January 1, 2003, adopted July 14, 2003

ANNIE ANDREWS Minix '98 and Lee: a son, James Daniel, April 20, 2004

LATRICIA SCHENDEL Dickman '98 MAT and James: twins, Ryland John and Jillian Paige, September 8, 2003

LISA SHIRLEY Burns '98 and James: a daughter, Virginia Rose, May 20, 2004

TORSKI DOBSON-Arnold '99 and Ronald: a son, Donathan Patrick, March 8, 2003

LETICIA HALL-Salam '00 and Abdul: a daughter, Farah, January 24, 2004

MELISSA CARICO Bell '01 and Shane: a daughter, Sterling Grace, May 25, 2004

DEATHS

KATHERINE HAZEN Peatrose '24, April 11, 2004

SARA MARTIN McRoberts '25, June 26, 2004

EVELYN "ELY" BAKER Arey '30, June 4, 2004

ELEANOR MCMILLAN Norris '31, January 2, 2004

MARGARET "PEG" DEMUND Banta '33, December 22, 2003

ELISE WINSLOW Harris '38, April 14, 2003

LULU GRAVELY Shuff '39, June 13, 2004

MARY KENNEDY Berry '40, May 13, 2003

JOYCE ALBRIGHT Greig-Denis '41, June 28, 2004

VIRGINIA CAIN Cherry '42, May 22, 2004

KATHARINE "KAY" SHELBOURNE Trickey '43, May 15, 2004

JANET WHITNEY Bowyer '46, March 12, 2004

BETTY BUESCHER Mangan '50, April 26, 2004

MILDRED "MITZI" VICK Pope '51, May 6, 2003

MARION "JEAN" CHAPMAN Kollmansperger '53, June 27, 2004

JULIA ANN SCARBOROUGH Burgess '53, March 19, 2004

CAROLYN OWENS Stuart '55, June 22, 2003

ZOE DURRELL Bruner '69, June 3, 2004

ANNE ANDERSON Wallen '75, July 8, 2004

AUDREY CROSS '82, March 24, 2004

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Evening Reception to meet President Pamela Fox and Dan Layman at the home of Dr. Cynthia H. Tyson
April 20, 2004

1. Carolyn Gilmer Shaw '60
   Tom Piazze, Vice President for Institutional Advancement
   Carol Douglas

2. Mary Nell McPherson '79
   Jacqueline Frost '69

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Evening Reception to meet President Pamela Fox and Dan Layman at the home of Nancy Mayer Dunbar '60
April 21, 2004

3. Betsy Walker Cate '65
   Mary Dale Lott Wilson '44
   Nina Reid Mack '72

4. Nancy Mayer Dunbar '60
   Mary Weston Grimball '69
   Dick Westfall
   Pam Milliken Reed '64

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Staunton, Virginia

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5. Jackie Ham Tarkington '49
   Nancy Payne Dahl '56
   Julie Reid
   Ginny Gochenour Reid '44
   Marie McClure Beck '50

6. Marjorie Chambers
   Ruth Peters Sproul '43
   Mary Artis Danner Dennis '26

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Hampton, Virginia

Evening Reception to meet
President Pamela Fox and Dan Layman
at the home of Rusty and Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65
April 29, 2004

7 Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65
Chandler Hogg
Mary Katherine Evans Hogg '96

8. Sue Warfield Caples '60
President Fox
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9 Leah Griffith '03
Carol Wheeler Stevenson '62
Lynn Lytton Hamer '52
Margaret McLaughlin Grove '52
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Byrd Williams Abbott '64

10. Barbara McLaughlin '85
Kelly Wimmer '02
Emilie Glover '02

11. Charlie Smith
Ann Lamb Peery '79
Leann Hinton '03
Betsy McLeod '03

12 Bonnie Ford '82
Dawn Tusing Burns '85
Carolyn Tusing

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Off the Writer's Block: Monet Watkins '05

Mary Baldwin College is a feeling, a sentiment, shared amongst faculty, staff, alumnae, and its students. To understand the ins and outs of this institution, you have to be an integral part. At Baldwin, I have been able to develop my leadership skills by participating in organizations such as Kuumba Players, Caribbean Student Association, Anointed Voices of Praise, and the SOAR program (Student Opportunities and Resources); I have encountered women that challenge, encourage, and create within me an open mind.

I have always been fascinated by words. The subtle and obvious meanings of words and their ability to evoke emotion by conveying a thought or feeling just perfectly is truly an art. I've become pretty intense lately about examining the connotation and denotation of words and asking myself "Is this word perfect for what I am writing right now?" Sometimes it seems a little obsessive; I write notes in the margins of books I am reading and look up unfamiliar words. As a marketing communication major (working toward a minor in English), I am encouraged by my classes to be fastidious about my craft and to perfect it, to not stop searching for those perfect words.

I enjoy giving public speeches, too, at church or wherever else I am asked to contribute. It is most enjoyable when I write my own scripts. I can see myself as a speechwriter in the near future.

During the 2003–04 academic year I was granted the Ben Stein Creative Writing Award, a scholarship given by the English department. No one continues to be more surprised than I that I earned the recognition. However, I'm glad my professors thought enough about me to say, "She has potential." Knowing that Baldwin senses a need to give young women the tools to shape their future has bestowed me with the power to succeed.

I came to college thinking that when I left I wanted to be able to say, "I know how to write." I believe that if you can write well and clearly, you can write your ticket anywhere. Once you get there, you can learn the specific skills you need, but your writing will get you in the door.

I pray that I will seize the investments made by my parents, this institution, and those who placed encouragement within my path to better my life. And by bettering my life, I will take on the new role of investing in other people's lives here at Baldwin and throughout the world.

PHOTO BY DAWN MEDLEY

Bailey Vincent '07

"Yes, I am that woman in all of you, who makes eye contact with a guy — and then proceeds to fall flat on her face."

'Self-Proclaimed' Columnist Tackles Teen Issues in Print

By Dawn Medley

At age 7, most children's extracurricular activities consist of playing in the schoolyard or the backyard with friends, mastering the elaborate button-pressing sequences of video games, and consuming vast amounts of sugary treats. But Bailey Vincent '07 was more occupied with writing, publishing, and hand-delivering her first newspaper to all the homes in her neighborhood.

A decade later, it is no surprise to those who know her that Vincent has had a regular column in the Staunton newspaper — under the heading "Self-Proclaimed Girl"— for nearly three years. To them, she is the same child who got up early on the weekends, not to watch cartoons but to write furiously in notebooks stashed around the house.

"I think that was when my mom started to get worried about my social life," Vincent acknowledged with a smile. Little did her mother know that, in a few years, her daughter would write about her social life for an audience of more than 20,000 readers.

There is a message in the dozens of pieces Vincent has written for *The News Leader*. Whether her writing is sprightly or somber, introspective or extroverted, she is growing up self-assured and well adjusted.

A December 2002 column ends with a characteristic, self-effacing quip: "So, this New Year's, I resolve to have no resolutions at all. As I count down from 10, I may not reach a new beginning on the other side. I would rather go into 2003 with all my mistakes, all my imperfections, and ever-present dorkiness — and not change a thing."

Vincent started writing for her homemade newspapers with stories about the family cats and her best friend, but her bona fide columnist career began when she sent a letter and a few samples to *News Leader* Opinions Editor Dennis Neal.

"I liked to read the newspaper, but it didn't have a youth voice," Vincent said. "So, I decided to ask them if I could be that voice.

Neal said the newspaper was looking for ways to highlight young people's perspectives when Vincent's letter landed on his desk.

"I liked Bailey because she was totally original," Neal said. "She writes about topics that are universal for people in her age group and expresses herself in a fresh way. She doesn't try to be something that she isn't."

She got the gig, and her first column appeared in February 2002, with the headline "My identity is my own, on any given day." A blond, baby-faced, 15-year-old smiled in the accompanying photo.

The initial reaction from readers was not all good; in fact, a lot of it was negative. Instead of deterring Vincent, it fueled her. "The moment I knew I was evoking some kind of response, I wanted more," she said.

Looking through the scrapbook her mother assembled from all of the columns and some of the more flattering feedback is "like reading my diary," Vincent said. She divides the pieces into two broad categories: hard-core and ballads, reflecting her taste in music.

"Sometimes, I just want to talk about something that happened in my life and why it was important. Other times, I am deep and philosophical."

Older sister Courtney — Bailey is the youngest of five — said her sister's ability to embrace life's moments and explore them was evident early on. "She looks at the world with child-like awe, and finds the humor in everything."

A prime example of that was in the first column she wrote as an MBC student. "Having finished my opening day of college, I mentally congratulated myself for avoiding any of the usual disasters and triumphantly headed toward the car, only to proceed to fall flat on my face as my skirt flew upward. "'It's OK,' I tell myself. 'A percentage of the student body wanted to see what underwear you chose today.'"

And there's no mistaking that Vincent wants to be "an activist in pigtails" — as her sister refers to her — for a wider audience, too. She has turned down a few requests to write columns for other publications until she finishes her education, but she's not shy about admitting that she would like to be a syndicated columnist.

"I tried to take a break before I started school, thinking I would be too busy, but I just ended up with Post-It notes stuck all over with ideas for columns," she said.

"I thought I was going to burst if I didn't start writing again."

"Then again, once you're infected, "like" is an almost impossible habit to break. Let me forwarn all the parents of America — protect your little ones. Once they've reached the decrepit age of 17, as I have, you practically need a "Like" Patch and an electric collar to break the habit. If only we could fill our pauses with... Silence. Like, wouldn't that be something?"

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